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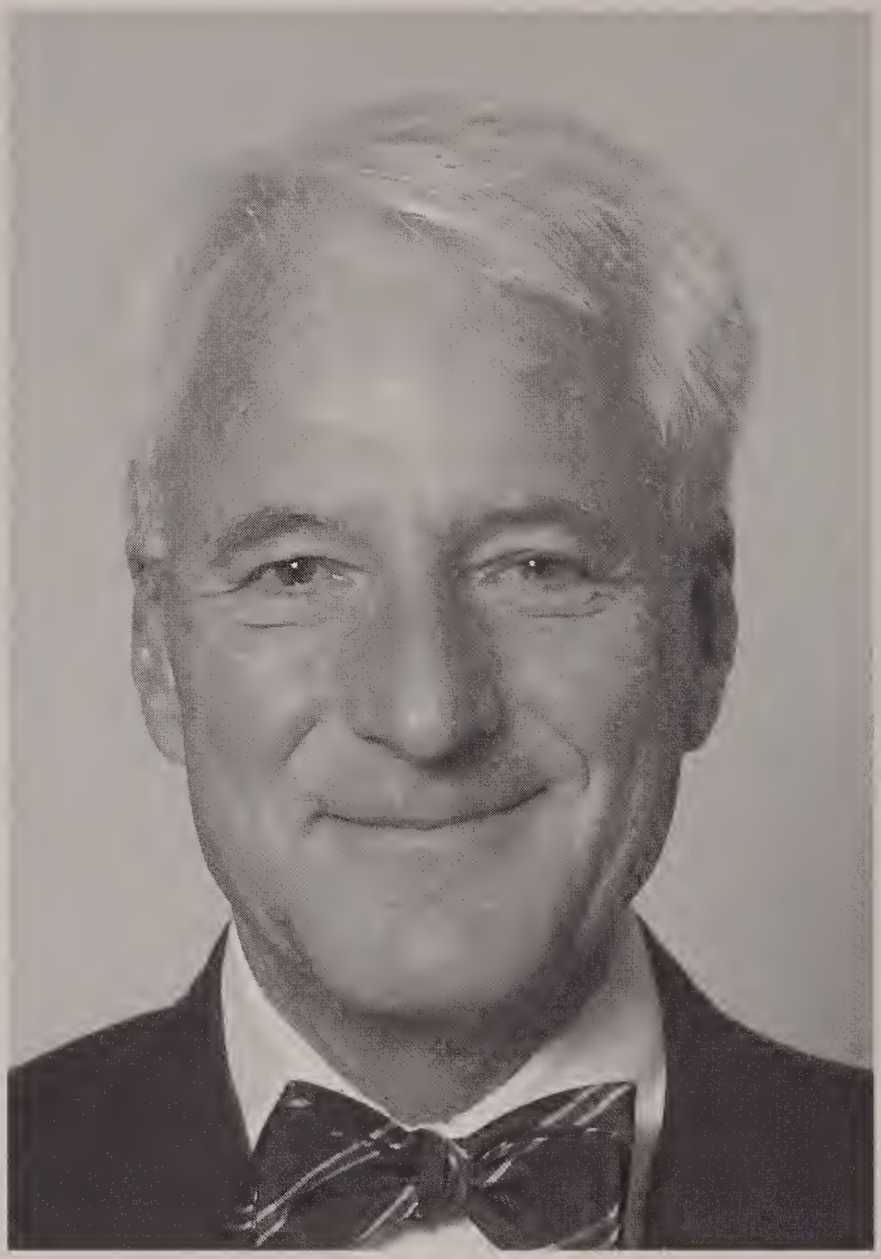
GOVERNOR BRIAN SCHWEITZER

Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat, was born in Havre Sept. 4, 1955, the son of Kay and Adam Schweitzer, and grew up on his parents' ranch in the Judith Basin near Geyser. He is the grandson of Irish and Ukranian immigrants to Montana in the early 1900's who homesteaded in Hill County. He earned a bachelor of science degree in agronomy at Colorado State University, then a master of science in soil science from Montana State University. He is married to Nancy Hupp who is from Billings and has a bachelor's degree in botany from Montana State University, Bozeman. After graduating from MSU, they began a career of irrigation development in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. During seven years in Saudi Arabia, he developed more than 28,000 acres of irrigated cropland. Returning to Montana in 1986, the couple has owned and operated farms in Flathead, Sanders, Rosebud, and Judith Basin counties. In 1993, he was named to the Montana USDA Farm Service Agency Committee which has advisory responsibility for operation of FSA in Montana. He resigned in 1999 to run for the U.S. Senate. The governor received an award in 1995 from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for outreach efforts to Native Americans. In 1996, he was appointed to the Montana Rural Development Partnership Board. Gov. Schweitzer was named in 1999 to the National Drought Task Force, a 16-member national board to review policy and report to Congress an improved coordination response to drought emergencies nationwide. The governor and his wife have three children, sons Ben and Khai and daughter Katrina.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN C. BOHLINGER

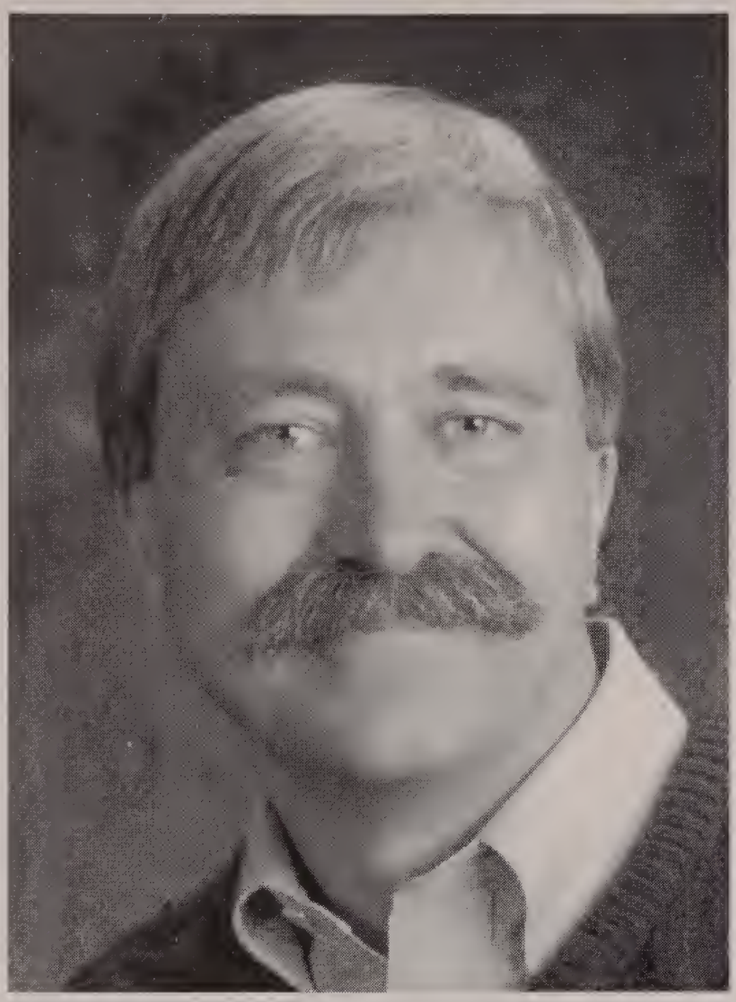
Lt. Gov. John C. Bohlinger, a third generation Montanan, was born in Bozeman April 21, 1936 to parents John and Aileen Bohlinger. In 1941, John, his sister Tina, and their parents moved to Billings where his parents opened a women's apparel store called Aileen's. Lt. Gov. Bohlinger attended Billings Senior High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve during his senior year. After graduation, he attended the University of Montana, then was called to active duty between his sophomore and junior year. He completed his service in the Marines with an honorable discharge and returned to the University of Montana where he earned a degree in business. After graduation, he returned to Billings and went to work in the family business. The lieutenant governor is a former Montana legislator, serving in the House of Representatives from 1993 until 1998 and in the Senate from 1999 to 2004. During his career as a small businessman, he worked for many community organizations in the Billings area. He was a member of the board of directors of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, First Interstate Bank West, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the Billings Studio Theater. John served as chairman of the board of directors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and is presently a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Council. He also has served as president of the board of directors of the Yellowstone Art Museum and president of the Billings Symphony. His wife's name is Bette. They have six grown children--Jeanne, Jan, Mark, JoLynn, Nicholas and John Jr.; fourteen grandchildren, and one great grandson.

The Senate

Fifty-Ninth Assembly

JON TESTER
President of the Senate

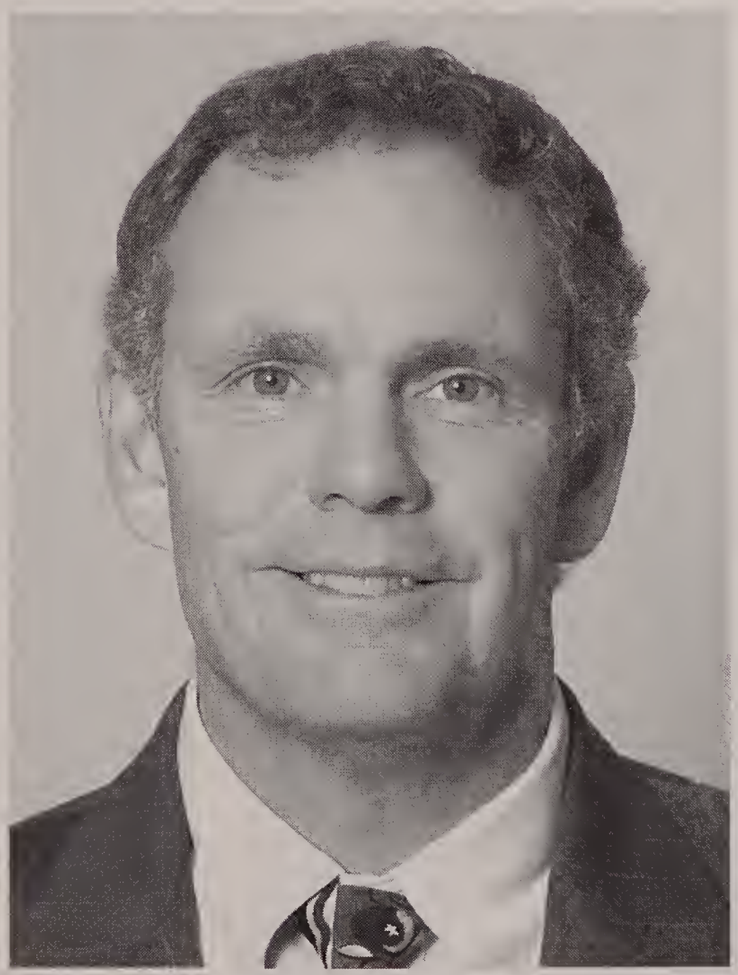
Big Sandy, District 15, Democrat. Senate President Jon Tester was born August 21, 1956 in Havre and grew up in Chouteau County where he graduated from Big Sandy High School. Sen. Tester attended the University of Great Falls, earning a bachelor of science in music. A farmer who specializes in organic production, he has served on the Big Sandy SCS Committee and the Chouteau County ASCS Committee. He also has served as an elected member of the Big Sandy School Board of Trustees. Sen. Tester is in his fourth regular session of the Montana Senate and was elected the minority whip for the 2001-02 session and minority leader for the 2003-04 session. His wife Sharla also grew up in North Central Montana and has agricultural roots. They have a daughter Christine, a son Shon and one grandchild.



Jon Ellingson
Majority Leader

Jon Ellingson - Missoula, District 49, Democrat. Born Aug. 21, 1948 in Rochester, N.Y., came to Montana in 1970; graduate of Pittsford, N.Y., High School, B.A., Harvard University, M.A., University of Montana, and J.D., University of California; attorney; active in Missoula community and political organizations since 1975; served in House 1995-1998, in Senate since 1999, minority whip, 2003-04, majority leader 2005-06; wife's name is Kathy, he has three sons.

Bob Keenan - Bigfork, District 5, Republican. Born March 11, 1952 in Salem, Mass., moved to Montana in 1982; bachelor's degree, University of Massachusetts; co-owner with his wife of the Bigfork Inn; Bigfork School Board, National Restaurant Assn. Board, K-12 Renewal Commission, Medicaid Redesign Commission, Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council; Legislative Audit Committee; Board of Crime Control; served in the House 1995-98, in Senate since 1999, Senate President 2003-04, minority leader, 2005-06; wife's name is Suzie, they have five children: Marissa, Conor, Kyle, Sara and Ryan.



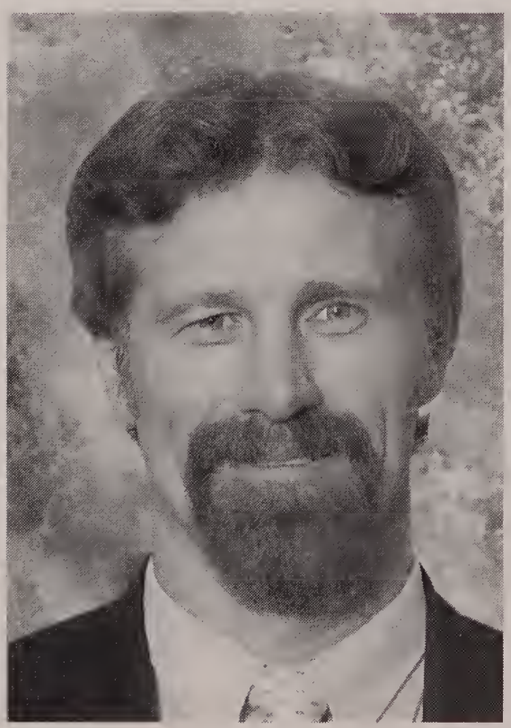
Bob Keenan
Minority Leader

Dan Harrington
President Pro Tempore

Dan. W. Harrington - Butte, District 38, Democrat. Born Feb. 12, 1938 in Butte; attended Montana Tech; graduate, Western Montana College; teacher; Silver Bow County Democratic chairman, 1980-1990; Montana Constitutional Convention delegate, 1971-72; Dean of the Legislature; served in House 1977-2000, in Senate since 2001; House majority whip, 1983-84; House minority whip, 1995-96 and 1999-2000, Senate President Pro Tempore, 2005-06; wife's name is Pat, they have two sons and a daughter.

Keith Bales - Otter, District 20, Republican. Born March 15, 1944 in Sheridan, Wyoming, and came to Montana as an infant; Sheridan, Wyoming, High School graduate; B.S., agricultural production-animal science, Montana State University-Bozeman; School Board trustee; Montana Stockgrowers Assn. president, 1998-2000; Tongue River Electric Coop board of directors and vice president; U.S. Army Vietnam veteran; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Christl, they have two sons, Brian and Michael.

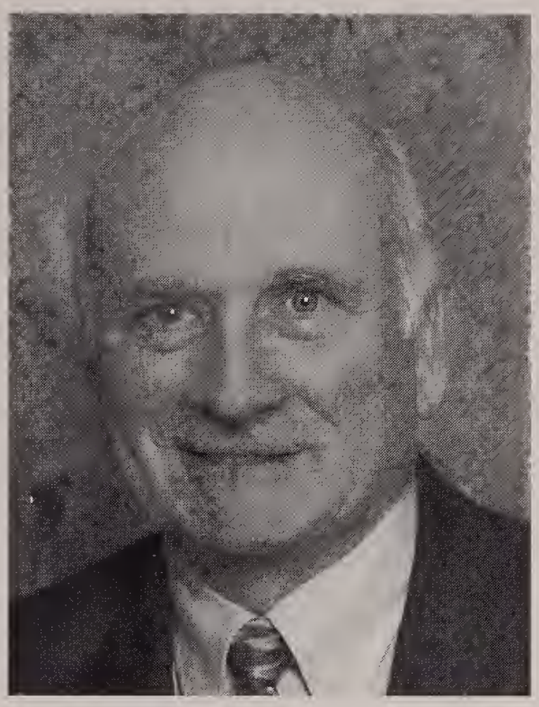
Keith Bales



Joe Balyeat

Joe Balyeat - Bozeman, District 34, Republican. Born Oct. 26, 1956 in Great Falls; Great Falls High graduate; B.S. in business administration-accounting, University of Montana; certified public accountant; Montanans for Better Government chair; Montana Republican Liberty Caucus president; Montana Shooting Sports Association board of directors; radio talk show host; served in House 2001-04; in Senate 2005; wife's name is Linda Lee, they have three children, Dan, Matt and Jamie.

Greg Barkus - Kalispell, District 4, Republican. Born Nov. 29, 1946 in Jamestown, ND, and came to Montana in 1947. Havre High graduate, B.S. finance, University of Montana; attended Colorado School of Banking and Wharton School of Finance; has served on Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission and Montana Redistricting Commission; Kalispell Daybreak Rotary charter president; Kalispell Regional Hospital Community Benefits Council; Republican State Committeeman; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Kathy, they have three children, Angie, Ken and Jill, and eight grandchildren.



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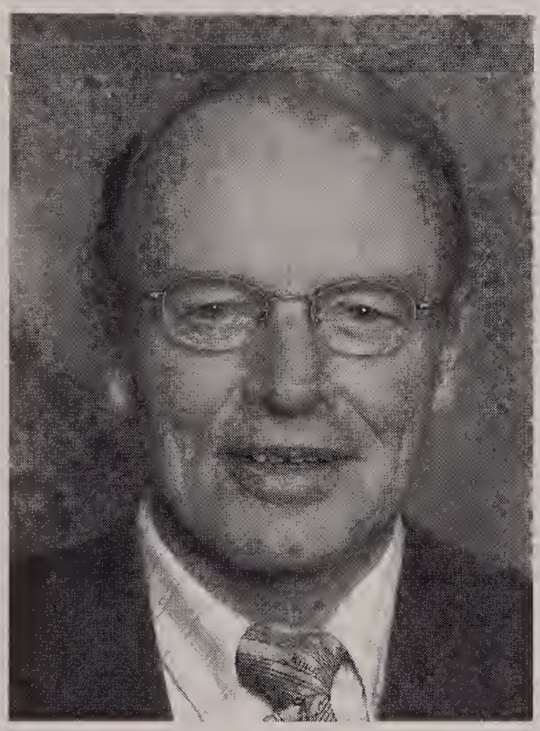


Jerry Black

Jerry Black - Shelby, District 14, Republican. Born Aug. 30, 1935 in Lewistown, Shelby High graduate, attended MSU two years; retired, former owner and gen'l manager of KSEN-KZIN radio, Shelby, two Idaho radio stations and other business interests; Montana Broadcasters Assn.(MBA) past president, 2004 MBA Hall of Fame, director of Greater Montana Foundation and Toole County Education Foundation, 2004 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award; numerous civic activities; served in Senate since 2003, wife's name is Billiette, they have six children and ten grandchildren.

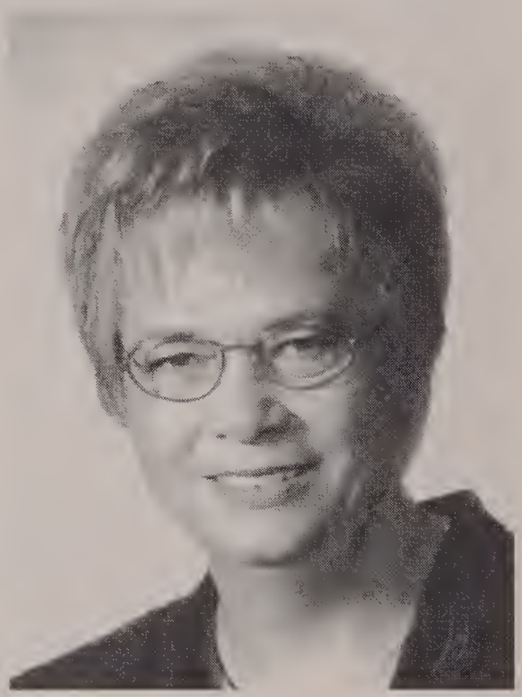
John Brueggeman - Polson, District 6, Republican. Born April 2, 1979 in Polson; Polson High School graduate; attending University of Montana; employed in residential construction; Knights of Columbus; served in House 2001-04, House majority whip, 2003-04; served in Senate 2005, single.

John Brueggeman

John Cobb

John Cobb - Augusta, District 9, Republican. Born Jan. 22, 1954 in Montana; attended Shahuck High School; B.A., economics, B.A., public administration, Montana State University; law degree, University of Montana; attorney-rancher; served in House 1985-2000 and in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Cheryl, they have two children.

Vicki Cocchiarella - Missoula, District 47, Democrat. Born Dec. 19, 1949 in Livingston; Missoula Hellgate High graduate; B.A., M.A. in interpersonal communication, University of Montana; workers compensation claims examiner, self-employed business consultant; served in House 1989-98, House minority leader, 1997-98;, served in Senate since 1999; she has a daughter , Cara, and a son, Mike.



Vicki Cocchiarella

Mike Cooney

Mike Cooney - Helena, District 40, Democrat. Born Sept. 3, 1954 in Washington D.C., came to Montana as an infant; Butte High graduate, B.A. political science, University of Montana; executive director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies: the Montana Coalition; Olympic Torch runner 2002; Montana Secretary of State 1989-2000, National Association of Secretaries of State president 1996-97; served in House 1977-1980, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Dee Ann, they have three children, Ryan, Adan and Colin.

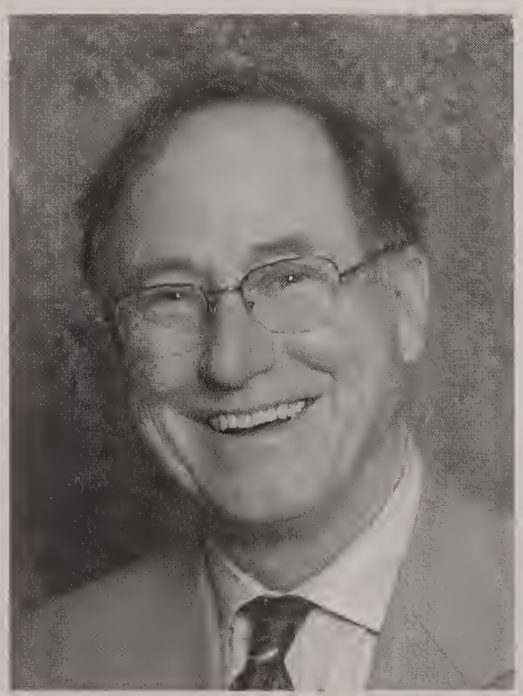
Brent Cromley - Billlings, District 25, Democrat. Born June 12, 1941 in Great Falls, Great Falls High graduate, Dartmouth College, AB in mathematics, University of Montana J.D.; attorney; State Bar of Montana President, 1998-99, Billings City-Council Board of Health past president, served in Peace Corps in India; variety of other civic and professional activities; served in House 1991-92, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Dorothea, they have two sons, Brent and Giano, and a daughter, Taya Rose.

Brent Cromley

Aubyn Curtiss

Aubyn Curtiss - Fortine, District 1, Republican. Born July 1, 1925 in Park City; Lincoln County High School graduate, attended UCLA; tree buyer-broker; Lincoln County GOP chairman; Montana GOP past chairman; Montana's commissioner on White House Presidential Scholar's Commission; Lincoln County Planning Board past chairman; served in House 1977-1984 and 1995-2002, in Senate since 2003; husband's name is David, they have three children.

Jim Elliott - Trout Creek, District 7, Democrat. Born Dec. 26, 1942 in Pennsylvania and came to Montana in 1974; B.A., behavioral psychology, San Francisco State College; ranch owner-timber producer; served in House 1989-96, in Senate, since 2001; spouse's name is Tootie Welker, daughter's name is Elizabeth Elliott.



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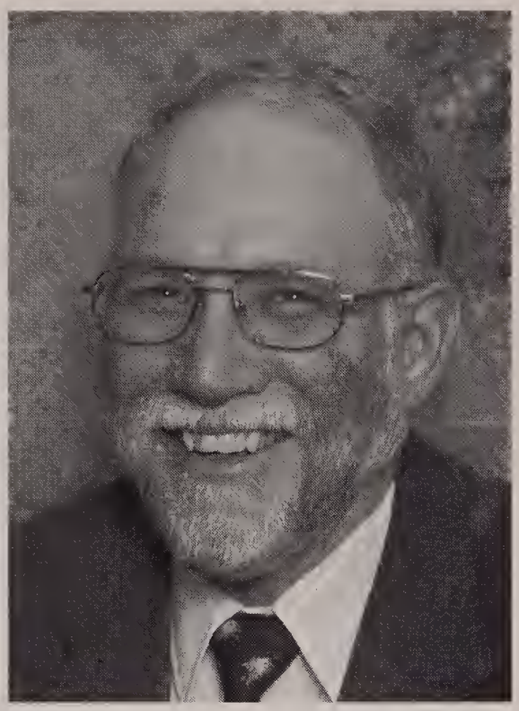


John Esp

John Esp - Big Timber, District 31, Republican. Born March 11, 1952 in Bozeman; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; attended Montana State University-Bozeman; carpenter-cabinet maker; Sweet Grass County High School board of trustees; Crazy Mountain Museum Board, Pioneer Medical Center Board, Sweet Grass County-Big Timber Planning Board; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Stoney, they have a daughter Amy, a son Leo and a niece Ester.

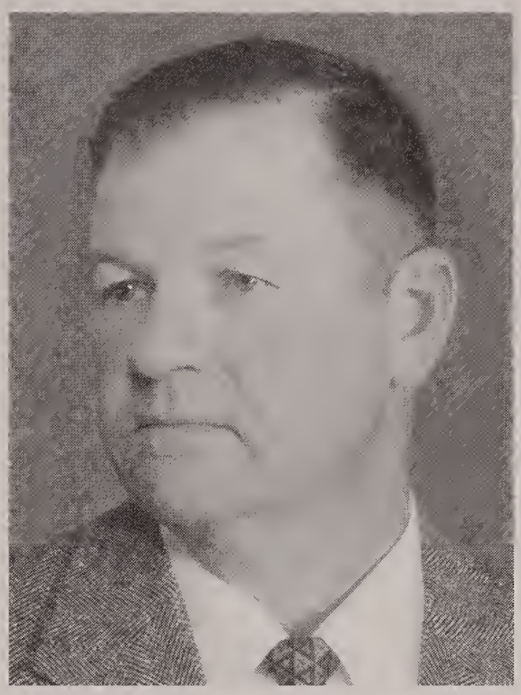
Jeffrey V. Essmann - Billings, District 28, Republican. Born June 29, 1952 in Billings; Billings West graduate; B.S. in industrial engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology; J.D., University of Montana Law School; business owner and property developer; has practiced law in Billings and Butte; Yellowstone County Republican Central Committee chair, 1995-99; Republican National Convention delegate, 1996; NFIB member; Governor's Economic Advisory Council, 2001; served in Senate 2003; wife's name is Sherry.

Jeffrey V. Essmann

Steve Gallus

Steve Gallus - Butte, District 37, Democrat. Born April 8, 1972 in Butte; Butte High School graduate; attended Carroll College, B.A. in history from the University of Portland; program manager, Aware Inc., Phi Alpha Theta History Scholar, Program for Senior Executives in State Government Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate 2005; wife's name is Jennifer Hensley.

Kelly Gebhardt - Roundup, District 23, Republican. Born April 5, 1953 in Wolf Point, Roundup High graduate, associate degree, diesel technology, MSU-Northern; sawmill owner; Musselshell County Commissioner, 1990-2002; Roundup Volunteer Fire Dept., 1978-present; served on many advisory and executive boards; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Darlene, they have two sons, Brian and Derin, and a daughter, Donna.



Kelly Gebhardt

Kim Gillan

Kim Gillan - Billings, District 24, Democrat. Born December 10, 1951 in El Cerrito, Calif., and came to Montana in 1992; Presentation High graduate; B.A., UCLA; masters, regional planning, Cornell University; graduate work, George Washington University; business consultant; Skyview Boosters Club vice president; MSU-B Foundation Board, PLUK Board; Heights Task Force, former Billings Parks and Recreation board member; served in House 1997-2004, minority leader 2001-02; served in Senate 2005; husband's name is Bill Rosen, they have a son, Hank, and a daughter, Claire.

Duane Grimes - Clancy, District 39, Republican. Born Sept. 17, 1957 in Spokane and came to Montana that same year; Harrison High School graduate; Colorado Aero Tech graduate; B.A. and post graduate work in theology, Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina; M.A. in public administration, University of Montana; small business owner; served in House 1993-98, in Senate since 1999; wife's name is Connie, they have two sons and one daughter.

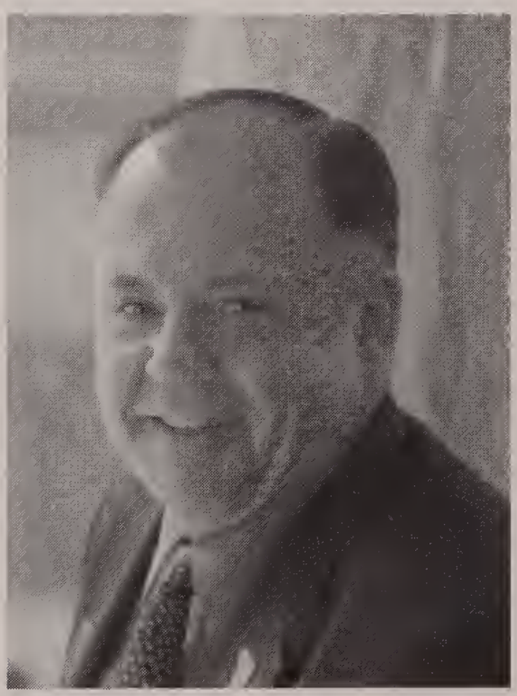
Duane Grimes

Ken "Kim" Hansen

Ken "Kim" Hansen - Harlem, District 17, Democrat. Born Oct. 15, 1951 in Havre; Harlem High graduate, attended MSU-Northern and MSU-Bozeman; graduate, Western College of Auctioneering; farmer-rancher; former school board trustee; served on Gov. Ted Schwinden's Economic Council Development Board for Agriculture; North Central Montana Stockgrowers; Milk River Coop; Shriners; Sweet Medical Health Board; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Renee, they have five children: John, Brad, Larry, Laurie and Jessie.

Robert L. "Bob" Hawks - Bozeman, District 33, Democrat. Born April 24, 1941 in Billings; Hardin High graduate; B.S., natural science, O.D., Pacific University; optometrist; Bozeman City-County Planning Board; City Commission, Mayor; Headwaters Entrepreneur Resources Inc. Board; Certified Cities Economic Strategy Task Force; Church Council, Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; Gallatin Development Corporation and Gallatin Valley Land Trust; U.S. Air Force officer, eight years; wife's name is Jane; they have five children and eleven grandchildren.

Robert L. "Bob" Hawks



Sam Kitzenberg

Sam L. Kitzenberg - Glasgow, District 18, Republican. Born July 25, 1947 in Williston, N.D.; and came home to Plentywood as an infant; Plentywood High School graduate; B.A. in education, University of Montana; high school English teacher; former Boys State governor and Boys Nation senator, page in Montana House, 1963; served in House 1995-2000, in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Ronnie, they have two sons and two daughters.

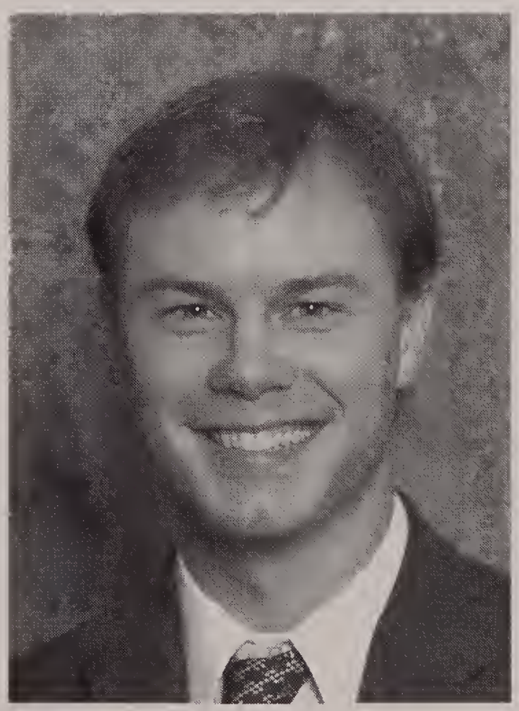
Rick Laible -Victor, District 44, Republican. Born Oct. 2, 1945 in Berkeley, Calif., and moved to Montana in 1994; San Leandro, Calif., High graduate; attended California State, Hayward; semi-retired contractor-manufacturer; Egyptian Arabian horse breeder; Ionic #38 Masonic Lodge; Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Mansfield Library board member; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003, Finance, Local Government and Natural Resource committees; he and his wife Frankie have three daughters and two sons.

Rick Laible

Lane L. Larson

Lane L. Larson - Billings, District 22, Democrat. Born May 21, 1957 in Seattle, Washington, and moved to Helena three weeks later; Forsyth High graduate; attended University of Montana; MJAJC Electrical Apprenticeship; journeyman electrician; IBEW 322 Executive Board chair; Wyoming State Electrical Board; Sweetwater Jail Task Force; Green River United Methodist Church Building Committee; Little League baseball coach; Greater Yellowstone Central Labor Council president; served in Senate 2005; wife's name is Lynn, they have two children, Lee and Luke.

Jesse Laslovich - Anaconda, District 43, Democrat. Born Oct. 3, 1980 in Anaconda; Anaconda High School graduate; B.A. University of Montana, University of Montana Law School student; served in House 2001-2004, in Senate 2005.



Jesse Laslovich

Dave Lewis

Dave Lewis - Helena, District 42, Republican. Born Oct. 10, 1942 in Rapid City, S.D. and came to Montana in 1968; B.S. in finance, University of Idaho; retired state budget director; United Way Board, Florence Crittenton Board, St. Peter's Hospital Board, First Presbyterian Church elder; Helena Rotary Board, Carroll College Impact Drive, Lewis & Clark County Mosquito Control Board; served in House 2001-04, in Senate 2005; wife's name is Karen; they have three children Michele Fairclough, Charlene Richardson and Jim Lewis

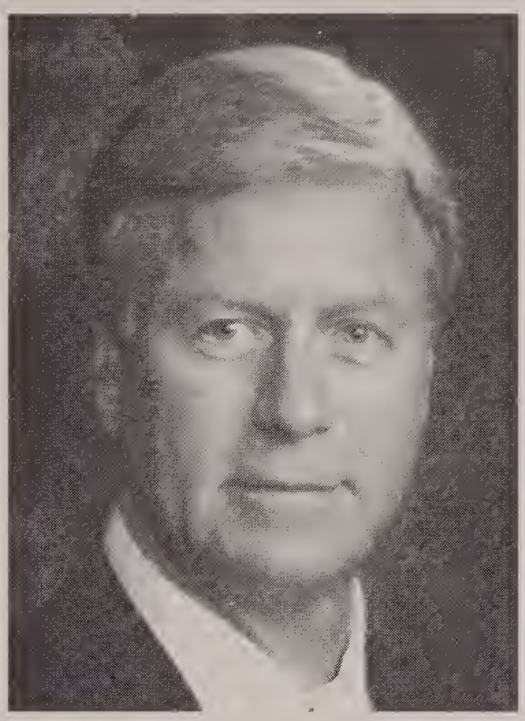
Greg Lind - Missoula, District 50, Democrat. Born March 23, 1957 in Lawton, Kansas and moved to Montana in 1997; Iowa City West High graduate; B.S. zoology, Iowa State; M.D., University of Iowa; physician; Montana Medical Association trustee; served in Senate 2005.

Greg Lind

Jeff Mangan

Jeff Mangan - Great Falls, District 12, Democrat. Born July 26, 1964 in Miles City; Helena High graduate; B.S., elementary education, MSU-Northern; dispute resolution, Humboldt State, graduate program at MSU-Northern; CEO, Mountain Peaks Inc., juvenile & adult community corrections, counseling and consulting; CASA-CAN Governing Board; Alliance for Youth, MBCC Youth Justice Council, served in House 1999-2002, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Lisa, they have a daughter, Taylor.

Daniel W. McGee - Laurel, District 29, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1947 in Shreveport, Lousiana, and came to Montana in 1974. Natrona County High, Casper, Wyoming, graduate; B.S., geology, Louisiana State University, graduate work, University of Montana; professional land surveyor and geologist; U.S. Air Force retired first lieutenant; served in House 1995-2002, Speaker of the House 2001-02, served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is LaRae, they have three daughters.



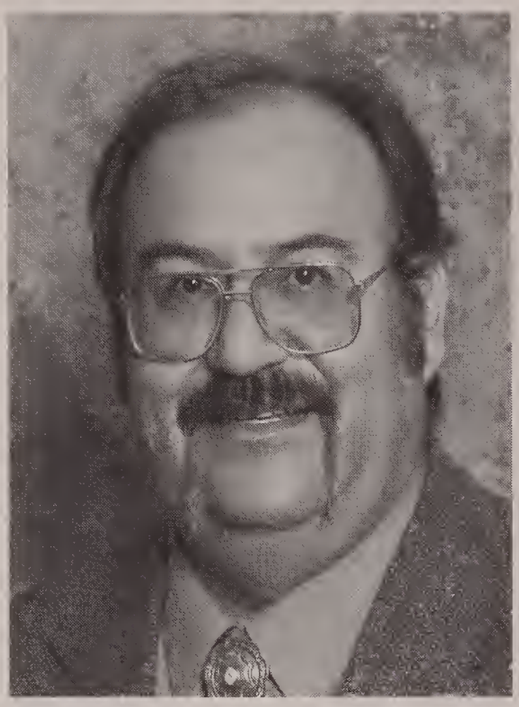
Dan McGee

Lynda Bourque Moss

Lynda Bourque Moss - Billings, District 26, Democrat. Born March 15, 1950 in Torrington, Wyoming and moved to Montana in 1979; Hazelwood High, St. Louis, Missouri, graduate; bachelor of fine arts, University of Nebraska-Omaha; M. A., University of Northern Iowa; M.F.A., Montana State University; executive director; Billings Housing Authority board member; Yellowstone Center for Applied Economic Research; MSU-B Steering Committee; Montana Community Foundation Board; Holter Museum Board; served in Senate 2005; children are Heather and Cris; she has three grandchildren.

Jerry O'Neil - Kalispell, District 3, Republican. Born May 10, 1943 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate; attended MSU-Bozeman and University of Montana, A.A. from Flathead Valley Community College; independent paralegal-mediator; licensed in Blackfeet Tribal Court; Montana Mediation Assn. charter member; served in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Jeanne; they have five children: David, Wendy, Laura, Sara and Maria, and seven grandchildren.

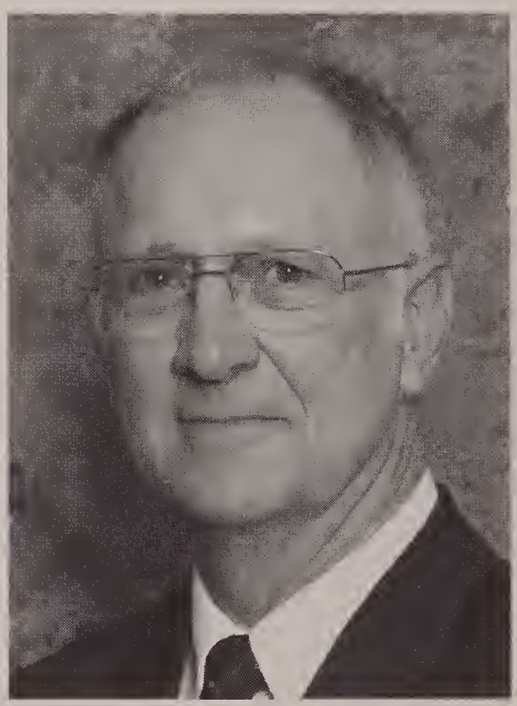
Jerry O'Neil



Gerald Pease

Gerald Pease - Lodge Grass, District 21, Democrat. Born July 21, 1954 in Hardin; Lodge Grass High School graduate; two-year certificate in heavy equipment maintenance, Missoula Vo Tech; highway construction-rancher; Lodge Grass School Board trustee, six years; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House 1997-98, in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Maria, they have four children, Kimberly, Timothy, Renelle, and Maggie.

Gary L. Perry - Manhattan, District 35, Republican. Born Nov. 24, 1949 in Vincennes, Indiana, came to Montana in 1997. Bridgeport, Illinois, High graduate; attended Olney Central College, Millikin University and Parkland College in Illinois, B.S. in civil engineering, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana; business/engineer--President, Perry Industries, Inc.; Gallatin County Republican Central Committee chair; Rotary, Chamber of Commerce; NRA; NFIB; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Lisa, they have a son, Travis.



Gary L. Perry

Glenn Roush

Glenn A. Roush - Cut Bank, District 8, Democrat. Born Jan. 25, 1934 in Helena; Cut Bank High School graduate; attended Montana State University, Bozeman; retired Montana Power Co employee; Montana Vocational Education Council member; Blackfeet Warriors Society; American Legion Post #40; U.S. Army Korean veteran; served in House 1981-84 and in Senate since 1999; wife's name is Ardith, they have four children.

Don Ryan - Great Falls, District 10, Democrat. Born Dec. 21, 1951 in Great Falls; C.M. Russell High School graduate; B.A. in education, University of Montana; day care owner; Cascade County Clerk & Recorder, 1993-94; Great Falls School Board trustee, 1995-2000; served in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Terri, they have five children: Bill, Annie, Sean, Carly and DeDe.

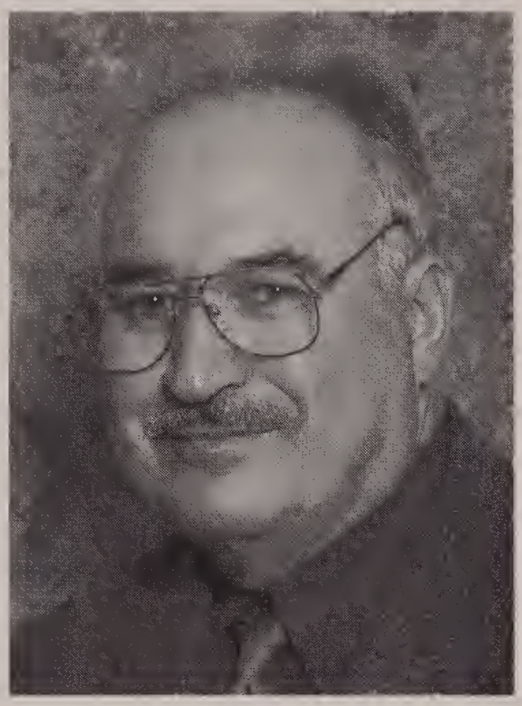
Don Ryan

Trudi Schmidt, Majority Whip

Trudi Schmidt - Great Falls, District 11, Democrat. Born Dec. 7, 1938 in Butte; Missoula County High graduate; B.S., M.S., University of Montana; former counselor, caseworker and trainer for Lutheran Social Services of Montana; active in community organizations, cofounder, board president of HANDS, a before and after school child care program in Great Falls elementary schools; AAUW, Faith Lutheran Church; served in House 1997-2002, in Senate since 2003; husband's name is Del, they have a son Todd, a daughter Anne and one grandchild.

Jim Shockley - Victor, District 45, Republican. Born Sept. 12, 1944 in Luke Field, Arizona, first came to Montana in 1946; Jeb Stuart High (Falls Church, VA), graduate; B.A., J.D., University of Montana; attorney; emeritis member Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; Masonic Lodge, Lions, VFW, American Legion, First Marine Division Assn., Marine Corp League, Order of the Caribou, Concerned about Grizzlies, Bitterroot Protective Assn., NRA, Montana Shooting Sports, Trout Unlimited, retired Marine; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate 2005; wife's name is Marilee.

Jim Shockley



Frank Smith

Frank J. Smith - Poplar, District 16, Democrat. Born Sept. 26, 1942 in Poplar; Poplar High graduate; fire fighting and photo recon schools in military; law enforcement training at Dawson College; self-employed; Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board, Northeast Montana Hospital Board and Fort Peck Boys & Girls Club Board; has served on Montana Hospital Advisory Board, as a Boy Scout leader, as an EMT and as an American Red Cross instructor; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate 2005; he and his late wife, Clairena, have four children: Virgil, Theresa, Mary and Suzann.

Carolyn Squires - Missoula, District 48, Democrat. Born Sept. 25, 1940 in Whitefish, Holy Names Academy high school graduate; A.A., arts and sciences, Everett Junior College, Washington; LPN, Missoula Vo-Tech; retired from AFL-CIO Project Challenge Work Again Program and nursing career, served in House 1987-2000; in Senate since 2003; husband's name is Harold, they have two sons, Paul and Keith.

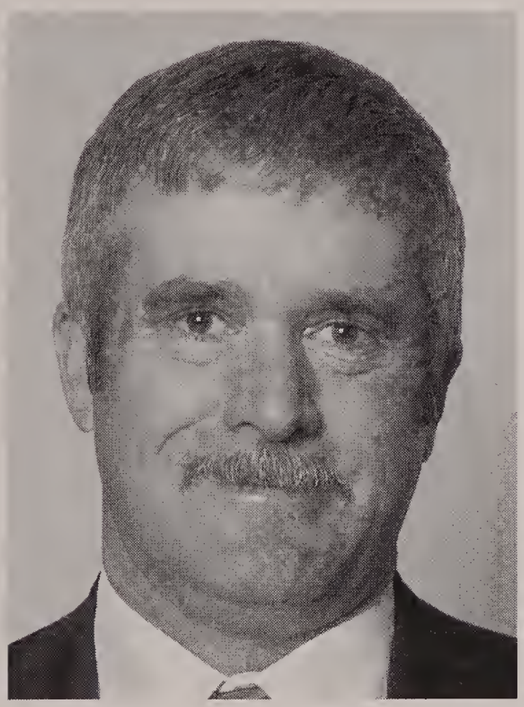
Carolyn Squires, Majority Whip

Corey Stapleton, Minority Whip

Corey Stapleton - Billings, District 27, Republican. Born Sept. 17, 1967 in Seattle and came to Montana in 1969; Great Falls High School graduate; B.S., U.S. Naval Academy; M.A., Temple University; manager financial services; Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and American Legion member; U.S. Navy officer, 11 years; served in Senate since 2001, Senate majority whip 2001-02 special sessions and 2003-04, minority whip 2004-05; wife's name is Terry, they have four children.

Don J. Steinbeisser - Sidney, District 19, Republican. Born April 15, 1935 in Sidney; Sidney High School graduate; farmer-rancher-businessman; Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project board of directors; Montana-Dakota Beet Growers Assn. past president; American Sugar Beet Growers Assn. past director and past president; First Bank board of directors; U.S. Army Reserves, 6 years; served in the House 2001-2004, in Senate 2005 ; wife's name is Leona, children are Jim, Don Jr., Craig, Janet and Trisha.

Don Steinbeisser



Bob Story, Minority Whip

Robert R. Story Jr. - Park City, District 30, Republican. Born Dec. 10, 1952 in Billings; Park City High School graduate; B.S. agricultural education, Montana State University-Bozeman; farmer-rancher; Park City School Board trustee, Stillwater Conservation District; served in House 1995-2002, House Taxation Committee chair, 2001-02, served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Jyl, he has three children.

Bill Tash - Dillon, District 36, Republican. Born Aug. 21, 1932 in Dillon; Beaverhead County High graduate; attended UM-Western and Montana State University; rancher; Barrett Memorial Hospital Board, 19 years; Montana Hospital Assn. trustee; American Hospital Assn. trustee delegate; U.S. Navy Korean War veteran; served in House 1993-2000, in Senate since 2001; House Natural Resources chair, 1999-2000, Senate Natural Resource chair, 2003-04; wife's name is Marlene, they have three sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

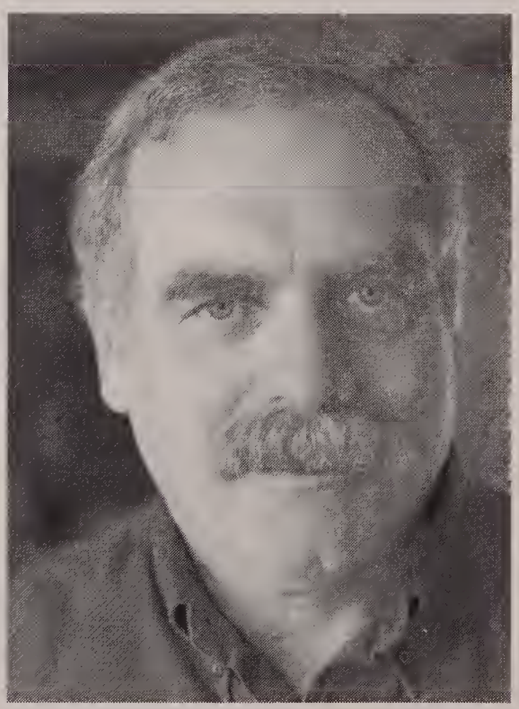
Bill Tash

Ken Toole

Ken Toole - Helena, District 41, Democrat. Born June 18, 1955 in Missoula; Corvallis High School graduate; B.A. political science, University of Montana; presidential appointee, Montana Advisory Committee to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Montana Democratic Executive Board past member; Montana Caucus of the Northwest Energy Coalition former chair; Northwest Renewable Energy Project board; Montana Power Co. Planning Advisory Committee; served in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Nancy, they have three children.

Joseph "Joe" Tropila - Great Falls, District 13, Democrat. Born May 31, 1935 in Jersey City, N.J. and came to Montana in 1955; B.S. biology, chemistry/education, University of Great Falls; retired; former teacher, natural gas engineer and restaurant-lounge owner; U.S. Air Force Korean veteran; served in House 1975-80, as Cascade County Clerk and Recorder 1981-93, in House 1993-2002 and in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Mary, they have four children and five grandchildren.

Joe Tropila



Dan Weinberg

Dan Weinberg - Whitefish, District 2, Democrat. Born Dec. 12, 1946 in Chicago and came to Montana in 1998; B.A. political science, Hartwick College; M.A. counseling education, Cal Poly; M.A., Ph.D. clinical psychology, Fielding Institute; mental health clinician/farmer; Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya; Camino, CA, School Board; Angora Ridge Foundation co-president; Western Slope Aquatic Center, El Dorado, Ca, Project Chair; Whitefish Aquatic Health Center (The Wave) Project Chair; served in Senate 2005; wife's name is Gayle; children are Brian, Dylan, Zachary, Molly and Abby; they have three grandchildren.

Mike Wheat - Bozeman, District 32, Democrat. Born Dec. 4, 1947 in Spokane and came to Montana in 1948; B.A., political science, J.D., University of Montana; attorney; U.S. Marine Corps veteran; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Debra, they have three sons, Craig, Christopher and Matthew.

Mike Wheat

Carol Gtiffith Williams

Carol Griffith Williams - Missoula, District 46, Democrat. Born Feb. 3, 1943 in Butte; Butte High graduate; attended Montana Tech, B.S. in education with majors in English and history, University of Montana Western; Montana co-chair Every Child By Two; Boys and Girls Club Board; Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Board; Montana Justice Foundation Board; served in House 1999-2000, in Senate 2005; husband Pat served in Montana Legislature and U.S. House of Representatives; they have three children and two grandchildren.

Lawmakers of Montana

A great tradition dating back more than half a century, "Lawmakers of Montana" was first published for the 1951 session of the Montana Legislature.

The first edition had a light green cover and noted it was "Compliments of Sen. J. Hugo Aronson." History buffs know that J. Hugo Aronson, a Republican oil producer from Cut Bank, was elected Montana governor the following year. The first book was compiled by E.N. Joffray who was an assistant sergeant-at-arms. It is unclear whether he served in the Senate or the House of Representatives. In addition to Gov. John Bonner, Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon and the legislators, photos of the secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house and sergeant-at-arms in both bodies appeared in the first book. That, however, was the only year staff photos were printed.

Subsequent "Lawmakers of Montana" in the 1950's had light colored covers until 1959 when the cover was metallic gold, similar to the copper cover today. Those editions were "Compliments of The Independent Record." The only session since 1951 for which "Lawmakers of Montana" was not published was 1961. This was roughly the time the Anaconda Company sold its Montana newspapers, including Helena's Independent Record, to Lee Enterprises. This may have been why no book was published for that session.

Publication resumed for the 1963 session and has continued until today with basically the same format. These versions have all had metallic copper covers, hence the book's nickname, the "Copper Book." The Anaconda Company, Butte, published the book until it became a sibsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. When, for the 1987 session, Atlantic Richfield announced it would no longer publish "Lawmakers of Montana," a group of trade associations banded together to assure this yearbook of legislators would continue to be printed.

The "Copper Book" remains a valuable resource for legislators, lobbyists and reporters as well as the public with its photos and background information about each of the 150 legislators plus the governor and the lieutenant governor--thanks to those listed at the front of the book who have chosen to be sponsors of this great Montana tradition.

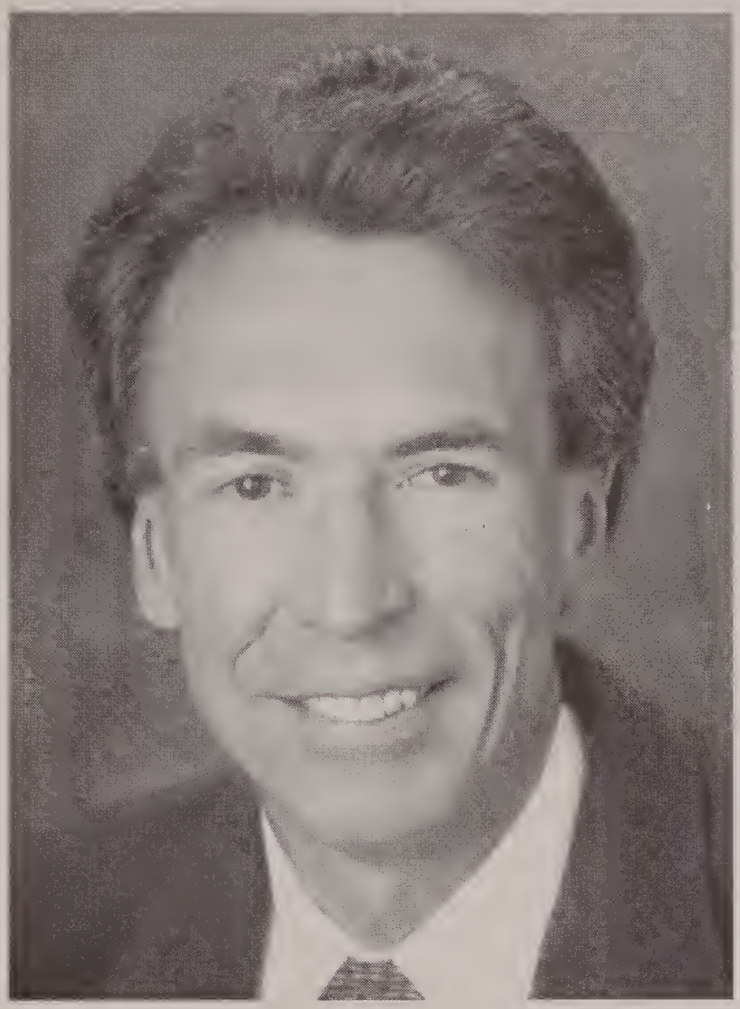
Pam Langley, editor

The House

Fifty-Ninth Assembly

GARY MATTHEWS
Speaker of the House of Representatives

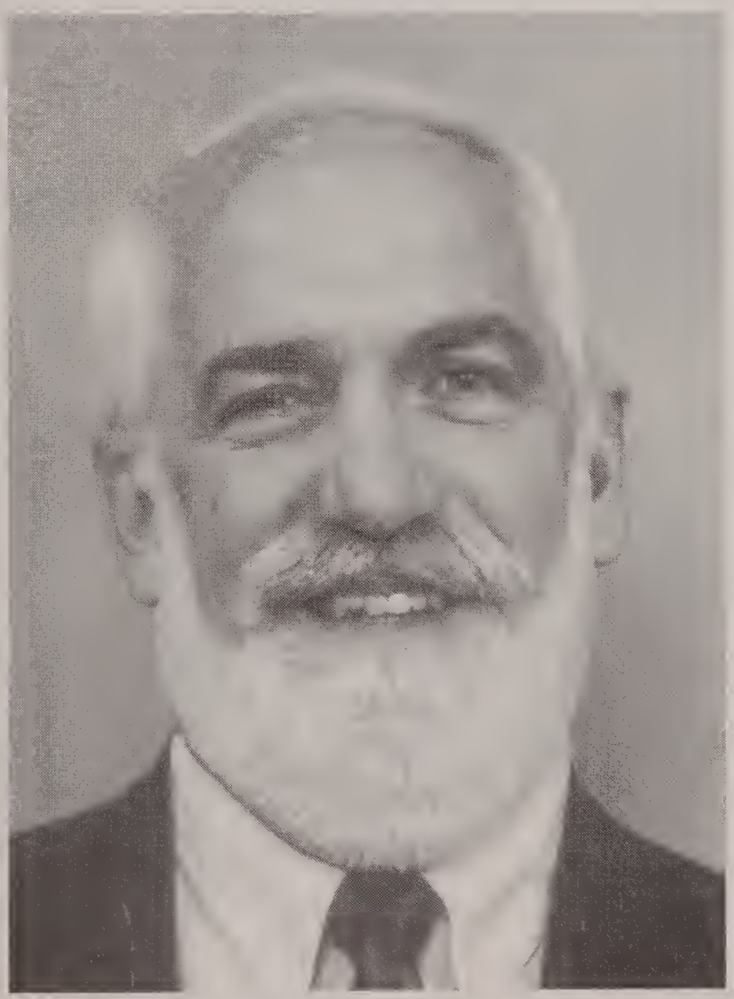
Miles City, House District 40, Democrat. Speaker of the House Gary Matthews, a native of Miles City, is serving in his fourth term in the Montana House of Representatives. He was born Feb. 10, 1951 in Miles City, attended Miles City schools and is a graduate of Custer County High School. He has an associate of arts degree in business from Miles Community College. Rep. Matthews, a former small businessman, is the in-school suspension supervisor at the Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility. The speaker is a United States Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and is active in various youth organizations and activities in Miles City. His wife's name is Bernice. They have two son, Barrie and Phillip.



Roy Brown
House Republican Leader

Roy Brown - Billings, District 49, Republican. Born Feb. 16, 1951 in Casper, Wyoming, and moved to Billings in 1955; Billings Central High School graduate; B.S. in engineering, Montana Tech, Butte; small businessman, real estate; MSU-Billings College of Business Advisory Board, WICHE; served in House since 1999, majority whip, 2001-02, majority leader 2003-04, House Republican leader, 2005-06; wife's name is Kim, they have three children, Katie, Gillian and Roy Jr.

David Wanzenried - Missoula, District 97, Democrat. Born Nov. 20, 1948 in Upland, Calif., came to Montana in 1968; Twin Falls, Idaho, High School graduate; B.A., M.A., political science, University of Montana; transportation marketing & sales; Gov. Ted Schwinden's chief of staff, 1981-84; Montana Labor commissioner, 1984-86; served in House 1991-94 from Kalispell and since 2001, minority leader 2003-04, House Democratic leader, 2005-06; he has two sons, Nick and Michael.



Dave Wanzenried
House Democratic Leader

John Parker
Democratic Floor Leader

John Parker - Great Falls, District 23, Democrat. Born Dec. 29, 1970 in Great Falls; Whitefish High graduate, B.S.F.S., Georgetown University; J.D., University of Montana; Cascade County deputy county attorney - criminal prosecutor; Great Falls Childrens Receiving Home Board, Great Falls Kiwanis, Cascade County DUI Task Force, Cascade County Bar Association; served in House since 2003, Democratic Floor leader, 2005-06; single.

Michael Lange - Billings, District 55, Republican. Born June 15, 1960 in Billings; Billings West graduate; attended Rocky Mountain College and MSU-Billings, completed pipefitter apprenticeship; pipefitter-labor relations-small business owner; Billings Area Chamber of Commerce; United Assn. of Plumbers and Pipefitters #30; Montana Right to Life; National Rifle Assn; 2003 graduate, Western Legislative Academy; served in House since 2003, Republican Floor leader, 2005-06; wife's name is Debbie; they have five children: Todd, James, Samantha, Ariel and Tim.

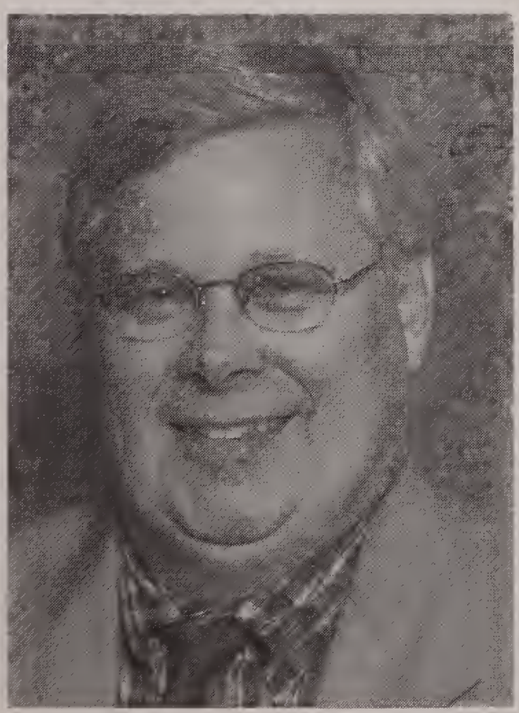
Michael Lange
Republican Floor Leader

Joan Andersen

Joan Andersen - Fromberg, District 59, Republican. Born Jan. 22, 1937 in Fromberg; Fromberg High School graduate; B.S., elementary education from MSU-Billings; retired teacher; Carbon County Republican Central Committee chair; Fromberg United Methodist Church; Clark Fork Valley Museum treasurer; Cornelius Hedges Chapter 43, O.E.S.; served in House since 1999; husband's name is Martin, they have a son Victor, a daughter Susan and five grandchildren.

Elsie Arntzen - Billings, District 53, Republican. Born May 7, 1956 in Billings; Billings West graduate; B.S., economics, University of Montana, B.A., education, MSU-Billings; elementary teacher; executive board of YWCA; served in House 2005; husband's name is Steven, they have two daughters, Kendra and McKinzie.

Elsie Arntzen



John Balyeat

John Balyeat - Missoula, District 100, Republican. Born Oct. 17, 1949 in Coeur d 'Alene and came to Montana the same year; Great Falls Central graduate; B.S., psychology, Montana State University; J.D., University of Montana; attorney and small businessman; Missoula Air Pollution Control Board, 1978-80; served in House 2005; wife's name is Linda; they have four grown children, Melissa, Kori, Jake and Bethany, and three grandchildren.

Debby Barrett - Dillon, District 72, Republican. Born April 5, 1952 in Hayes, Kansas, and came to Montana in 1957; Beaverhead County High graduate, attended UM Western, Dillon; rancher; served in House since 2001, Republican whip, 2005-06; husband's name is Mike, they have a daughter, Barbara.

Debby Barrett
Republican Whip

Arlene Becker

Arlene Becker - Billings, HD 52, Democrat. Born Dec. 27, 1948 in Rock Falls, Ill. and relocated to Montana in 1982; Rock Falls High graduate; B.S., and M.S. in nursing, Loyola University, Chicago; B.S. in business and accounting, MSU-Billings; certified public accountant and registered nurse; avid outdoors woman enjoying skiing, whitewater rafting and fishing; Chicago Cubs fan; served in House 1991-92 and since 2003; husband's name is Russ Brown.

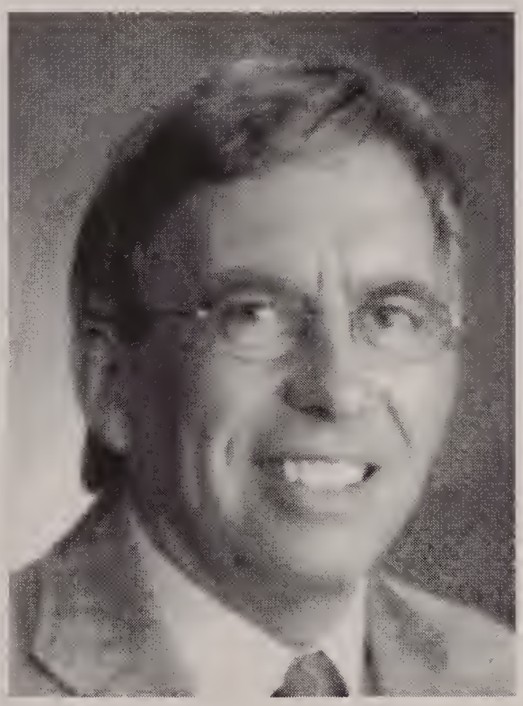
Bob Bergren- -Havre, District 33, Democrat. Born Nov. 9, 1963 in Havre; Havre High graduate; firefighter and emergency medical technician; owner of Julie's Hallmark; Havre City Council 1994-96, Montana State Fireman's Assn., executive board eleven years; International Assn. of Firefighters Local 601 member, past president; Montana State AFL-CIO executive board member; served in House since 2003, Democratic whip, 2005-06; wife's name is Julie, they have a son Bobby and daughter Shannon.

Bob Bergren
Democratic Whip

Norma Bixby

Norma Bixby - Lame Deer, District 41, Democrat. Born April 29, 1941 in Lame Deer; Sheridan, Wyoming, High School graduate, A.A. and B.S., MSU-Billings; M.A., New Mexico State University; director; Busby School board chair, Dull Knife Memorial College chair, Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education secretary; Montana-Wyoming Indian Education Assn.; served on the Community Service Commission local & state committees; served in House since 2001; she has four children, Dawnley, Valerie, Terri and Kevin.

Gary Branae - Billings, District 54, Democrat. Born March 20, 1944 in Big Timber; Sweet Grass County High graduate; B.S.. education, MSU-Bozeman, M.S., school counseling, MSU-Billings; retired educator, part time youth director; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Linda, they have two married daughters, Sarah and Amy.



Gary Branae

Dee Brown

Dee Brown - Hungry Horse, District 3, Republican. Born Oct. 22, 1948 in Rugby, North Dakota and came to Montana two years later; Columbia Falls High School graduate; B.A., education, University of Montana; M.Ed. MSU-Northern; campground owner and retired teacher; Northwest Montana Retired Teachers; Montana Tourism Coalition; Convention and Visitors Bureau; Columbia Falls area Chamber of Commerce; served in House since 2001; husband's name is Steve, they have two grown children, Ryan and Dedee.

Edward Butcher - Winifred, District 29, Republican. Born July 20, 1943 in Lewistown; Fergus High School graduate, B.A. MSU-Billings, M.A. University of Montana, post graduate, University of Colorado and North Dakota State; rancher-businessman; Fergus County Government Review Commission chair, 1994-96; Montana Term Limits Committee chair, 1992; Montana Board of Crime Control Youth Justice Council, 1976-80; Governors Ad Hoc Agriculture Committee, 1980-84; served in Senate 2001-04. in House 2005; wife's name is Pam, they have three children.

Ed Butcher

Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas

Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas - Missoula, District 93, Democrat. Born Feb. 6, 1948 in Helena; Helena Central High School graduate; B.A., social work, University of Montana; Flagship Program Director; Missoula City Council, three years; Missoula County School Board, six years; Missoula City-County Planning Board, three years; served in House since 1999; husband's name is Vince, they have two children, Aaron and Jocelyn.

Mary Caferro - Helena, District 80, Democrat. Born Sept. 16, 1959 in Whitefish; attended Helena College of Technology; works for non-profit Working for Equality and Economic Liberation; soccer coach; lobbying on behalf of low-income issues; served in House 2005; she has four children.

Mary Caferro

Tim Callahan

Tim Callahan - Great Falls, District 21, Democrat. Born Feb. 9, 1955 in Billings; Missoula Loyola High School graduate; B.A., social work, University of Montana, M.Ed., MSU-Northern; juvenile probation officer; Cascade County Child Protection team, Cascade County Sexual Abuse team; Kairos Youth Services board member; Big Brothers & Sisters former board member; Montana Mental Health Assn. Children's Committee; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Ingrid.

Margarett H. Campbell - Poplar, District 31, Democrat. Born Oct. 14, 1954 in Fort Belnap; Riverside Indian High School, Oklahoma, graduate; B. S. in business education and M. Ed. in vocational education,, MSU-Northern; Ph. Ed., University of Montana; Fort Peck Community College Vice President of Community Services; Fort Peck Inc. Board of Directors; Assiniboine Sioux Enterprise Community Board of Directors; Governor's Commission on Community Services; husband's name is Warren W. Means; she has three grown daughters, Vernelle, Reyna, Jennifer, and six grandchildren.

Margarett H. Campbell

Paul F. Clark

Paul F. Clark - Trout Creek, District 13 Democrat. Born Oct. 30, 1950 in Morristown, N.J. and came to Montana in 1979; B.A. in environmental studies, teaching certificate, Rutgers University; director of wilderness program for teens; science and math teacher; American Legion member, U.S. Navy veteran; served in House since 1999; he has two sons, Stryker and Gunnar.

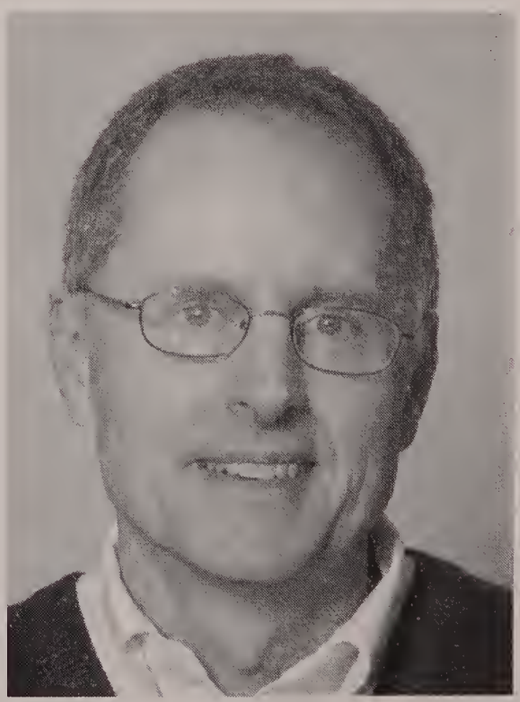
Jill Cohenour - East Helena, District 78. Democrat. Born July 2, 1966 in Havre, Havre High graduate; bachelors in chemistry and graduate work, University of Montana; chemist at State Environmental Lab; Montana Hope Project volunteer; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; East Helena PTA; Montana Conservation Voters; Federation of Public Health and Human Services Local #4573 president; MEA-MFT Board of Directors; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Joe; they have two children, Allysha and Taylor.

Jill Cohenour

Sue Dickenson

Sue Dickenson - Great Falls, District 25, Democrat. Born Aug. 24, 1945 in Billings; Billings Senior graduate; B.A. history and political science, University of Montana; retired educator; Our Savior's Lutheran Church; Advisory Board, Cascade County Youth Services Center; Board of Directors, KGPR Public Radio; served on House Natural Resources and State Administration committees and Education and Local Government interim committee; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Bob, they have three grown children, Craig, Amy and Dave.

Tim Dowell - Kalispell, District 8, Democrat. Born August 9, 1947 in Chicago, Ill., and came to Montana in 1972; Main Township H..S. graduate; B.S. Western Illinois University; graduate studies, University of Montana; teacher; volunteer for Kalispell United Way, Big Brothers and Sisters, Glacier Institute and Hockaday Center; served in House 1991-94, 1997-98 and since 2003, minority whip, 1997-98 and 2003-04; wife's name is Bonnie, they have a son Eric and a daughter Rebecca.



Tim Dowell

Robyn Driscoll

Robyn Driscoll - Billings, District 51, Democrat. Born July 16, 1962 in Billings; Billings Senior graduate; bachelors degree in history-political science from Rocky Mountain College; community education coordinator; serves on insurance committee and diversity commitee for Billings Public Schools; Intermountain Planned Parenthood board member; served in House 2005; daughter Mindi

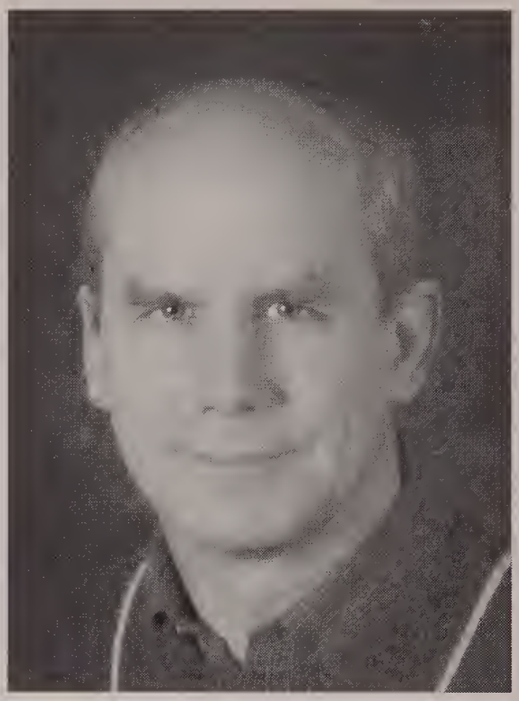
Emelie Kay Eaton - Laurel, District 58, Democrat. Born Aug. 24, 1958 in Shelby; Shelby High graduate; B.A. interpersonal communication, University of Montana; consultant; past member of Big Sky Exchange Club; past vice chair of Yellowstone County Democratic Central Committee; past first vice chair of Laurel Democratic Club; served in House 2005; husband's name is Dennis.

Emelie Kay Eaton

George Everett

George Everett - Kalispell, District 5, Republican. Born Oct. 4, 1946 in Kalispell; Flathead County High graduate, B.S. in business administration, University of Montana; real estate broker; Evergreen Property Owners Association president; Montanans for Multiple Use; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Patti, they have a daughter Amy and a son Jonathan.

Tom Facey - Missoula, District 95, Democrat. Born March 30, 1954 in Helena; Quartz Hill, (Lancaster, CA) High School graduate; B.A. in biology, M.Ed., University of Montana; teacher; his grandmother served in the Legislature from Malta representing Phillips County during the 1923 session; served in House since 1999, Democratic Caucus Leader, 2001-02; wife's name is Maureen O'Malley.



Tom Facey

Eve Franklin

Eve Franklin - Great Falls, District 24, Democrat. Born Aug. 14, 1954 in New York, came to Montana in 1987; attended Earlham College and Herbert H. Lehman College, B.S.N. and M.S.N. in nursing; nurse clinician; served in the Senate 1991-2002, in House since 2003, Senate minority whip 1997-98; husband's name is Les Nilson, they have two grandchildren.

Kevin Furey - Missoula, District 91, Democrat. Born Jan. 24, 1983 in Barrington, Ill., and came to Montana in 1994. Hellgate High graduate; Army Reservist and honors student at University of Montana majority in environmental studies and political science; founding member of Friends of Two Rivers; Eagle Scout at age of 14; lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars; lifelong volunteer for disability organizations; Army Reservist serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; served in House 2005; parents are Tim and Sue Furey, brothers are Brian and Tom.

Kevin Furey

Dave Gallik

Dave Gallik - Helena, District 79, Democrat. Born March 12, 1954 in Great Falls; C.M. Russell High School graduate; B.S., political science, University of Idaho; Thomas Jefferson School of Law, J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law; private practice attorney; staff director for a United States Senator from the state of Washington,, 1986-1993; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Gail.

Kathleen Galvin-Halcro - Great Falls, District 26, Democrat. Born Sept. 12, 1949 i n Great Falls; Great Falls Central graduate; B.S., MSU-Northern; graduate work, MSU-Northern and University of Montana; teacher; her family has represented Cascade County since 1975—she succeeded her father, Pat Galvin, who served 1991-1998 and her aunt, Helen O'Connell, who served 1975-1990; first daughter to succeed her father in the House; served in House since 1999; she has three daughters, Erin Kristine, Leesa Kathleen and Casey Marie

Kathleen Galvin-Halcro

William "Bill" Glaser

William "Bill" Glaser - Huntley, District 44. Born January 4, 1940 in Long Beach, California, graduated from high school in Huntington Beach, California; came to Montana in 1957; agri-business; former sound contractor; served in House 1985-1990, in Senate 1997-2004, in House 2005; wife's name is Patsy, they have six children, thirteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

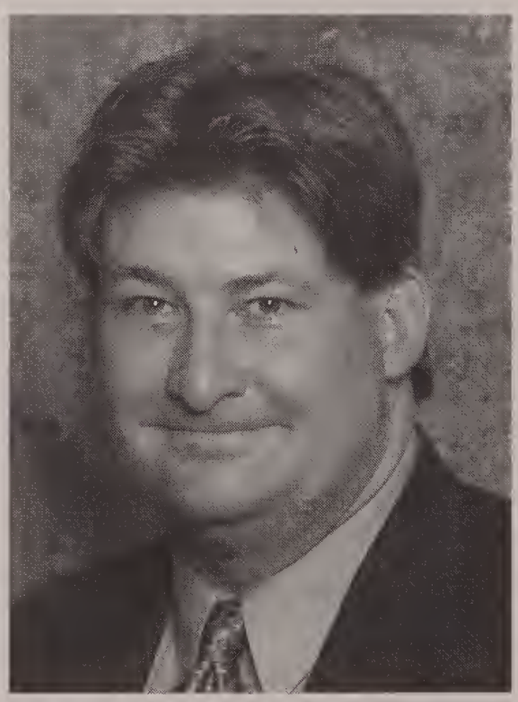
George Golie - Great Falls, District 20, Democrat. Born Nov. 19, 1953 in Great Falls; Great Falls High graduate; Billings College of Technology, Missoula College of Technology; heavy equipment operator; Intl. Union Operating Engineers #400 officer; Central Montana Labor Council trustee; Habitat for Humanity vice president; Russell Country Sportsman; Rocky Mt Elk Foundation; Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex; Speakeasy Toastmasters; Western Legislative Academy, NCSL Leadership Institute; served in House since 1999, minority whip 2001-02; wife's name is Gayla, they have two sons, Wesley and Clinton.

George Golie

Wanda Grinde

Wanda Grinde - Billings, District 48, Democrat. Born March 19, 1944 in Lewistown. Fergus High graduate; B.S. and M.S. in education, MSU-Billings; retired educator; MEA-MFT; AFL-CIO; Northern Plains Resource Council; Montana Conservation Voters; MSU-Billings Foundation Annual Drive; Billings Heights Task Force; Billings Heights Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee; Yellowstone County Democrat Central Committee Executive Board; served in House 2005; husband's name is Rodney, they have two children, Rory and Kendra.

George Groesbeck - Butte, District 74, Democrat. Born April 21, 1970 in Butte; Butte High graduate; B.A. in political science and philosophy, Carroll College, MS. in technical communication, Montana Tech of the University of Montana; instructor; Butte School District #1 former trustee; Montana Tech Chancellor's Advisory Board; citizen-at-large, Montana Statewide Interoperability Executive Council; Carroll College Forensics Association; served in House 2005; wife's name is Sarah.

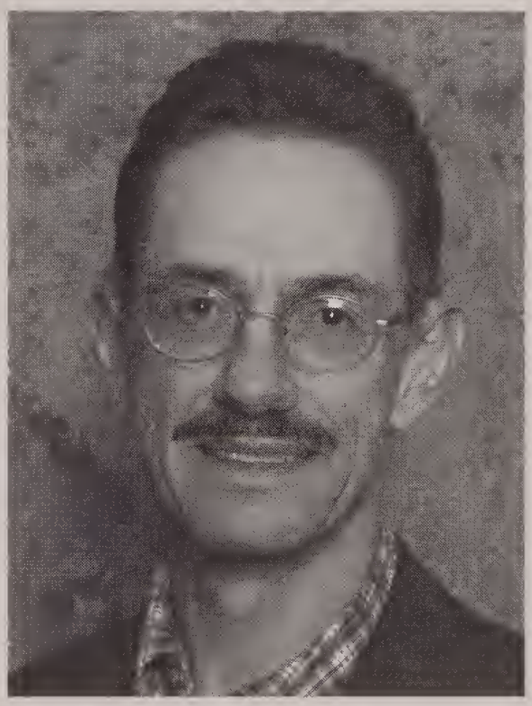


George Groesbeck

Gail Gutsche

Gail Gutsche - Missoula, District 99 Democrat. Born June 7, 1954 in St. Paul, MN, and came to Montana in 1992; B.A. in English, Gustavus Adophus College, St. Peter, MN; owner Wild Rockies Tours-canoe touring business, freelance writer; member NARAL Pro-Choice Montana; Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides; Big Sky Conservation Institute; served in House since 1999, House Natural Resources minority vice chair 2001 and 2003, Democrat Whip, 2005-06; single.

Robin L. Hamilton - Missoula, District 92, Democrat. Born June 12, 1947 in Missoula; Flathead High graduate; B.A., M.Ed., M.F.A, University of Montana; writer, retired teacher, partner in The Shack restaurant; Kenesis Magazine National Poetry Contest first prize, 1996; Missoula High School Education Association president, 1993-94; Missoula Writers Collaborative current vice president; Montana State K-16 Composition Committee, 1998-99; Montana State English Standards Committee, 1998-99; served in House 2005; wife's name is Peggy Patrick, they have a son Ian.

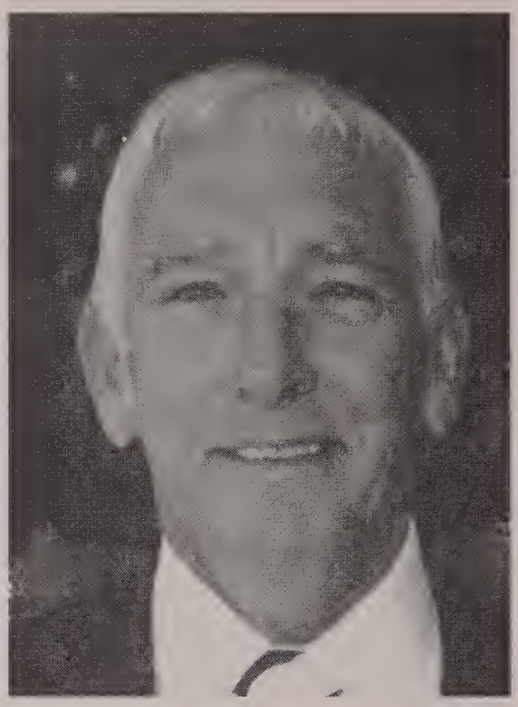


Robin L. Hamilton

Christopher Harris

Christopher Harris - Bozeman, District 66, Democrat. Born July 6, 1951 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, first came to Montana in 1954; graduated from high school in California; B.A., Yale University; M.Sc., London School of Economics; J.D., Boston College Law School; attorney; former attorney for U.S. Dept. of Justice; former counsel, United States Senate Judiciary Committee; former chairman, Gallatin County Historical Preservation Board; chairman, Agency Oversight Committee, Environmental Quality Council since 2001; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Anna, they have three daughters, Mariquita, Macquarie and Maclaren.

Ray Hawk - Florence, District 90, Republican. Born March 12, 1941 in Michigan and came to Montana in 1959; attended University of Montana two years; retired auctioneer; Montana Auctioneers Association past president and board member; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Arlene, they have two children, Lynn and Joe.



Ray Hawk

Ralph Heinert, Jr.

Ralph Heinert,Jr. - Libby, District 1, Republican. Born August 26, 1944 in South Dakota and came to Montana in 1968; Belle Fourche High graduate; B.S., mechanical engineering, South Dakota School of Mines; retired; Bonner, Montana, School Board; Libby Chamber of Commerce board of directors; American Plywood Association Environmental Committee; Libby Area Economic Development Company President, Rodeo Committee; served in House 2005; wife's name is Rita; they have three sons, one of whom is a U.S. Navy lieutenant J.G., and two grandchildren.

Gordon Hendrick - Superior, District 14, Republican. Born Feb. 16, 1949 in Toronto, Ontario, relocated in Montana in 1970; Alhambra High graduate; attended University of Montana; retired; mayor of Superior eleven years, on Town Council, three years; Search and Rescue President, ten years; Disaster and Emergency Service deputy director, eight years; director, one year; USDA Resources Advisory Council co-chair, one year; served in House 2005; wife's name is Vicky Ann, they have two children, Jennifer and Scott, and one grandchild.

Gordon Hendrick

Teresa K. Henry

Teresa K. Henry - Missoula, District 96, Democrat. Born August 15, 1952 in Port Huron, Michigan, and came to Montana in 1989; Carmen High, Flint, Michigan, graduate; B.S. in nursing, Mercy College of Detroit; M.S., University of California, San Francisco; registered nurse, assistant professor; Montana Nurses Association past president; Montana Women's Lobby Board past chair; United Methodist Women Western Mountains District current vice president; served in House 2005; husband's name is Stephen P. Egli.

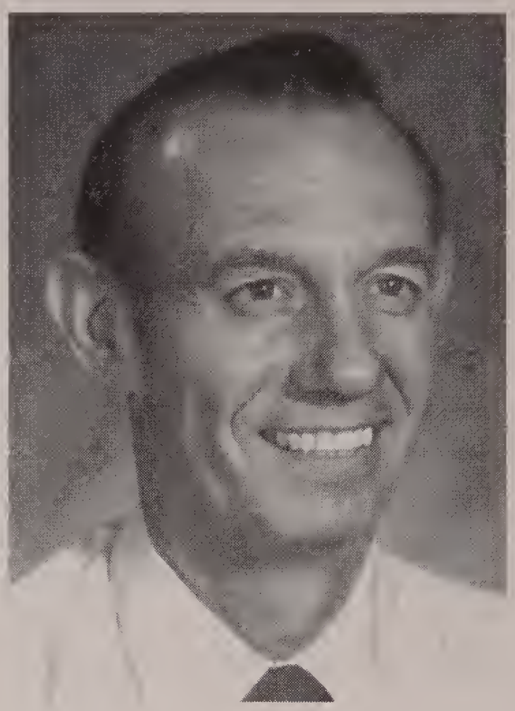
Dennis Himmelberger - Billings, District 47, Republican. Born August 2, 1955 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and came to Montana in 1980; Northern Lebanon High graduate; attended MSU-Billings; businessman; Billings Heights Task Force; Micro-Business Advisory Council, 2001-02; served in House 2001-02 and 2005; wife's name is Donna.

Dennis Himmelberger

Cindy Hiner

Cindy Hiner - Deer Lodge, District 85, Democrat. Born August 16, 1970 in Helena; Powell County High graduate; B.A. nursing, Carroll College; Montana State Prison director of nursing; Powell County Ambulance Service director at large; Booster Club vice president; local youth group board member; past union president; served in House 2005; husband's name is Matt, they have two children, Jessica and Matison.

Verdell Jackson - Kalispell, District 6, Republican. Born April 1, 1941 in Cortez, Colorado, and came to Montana in 1991; graduated from high school in Colorado; B. S. in business, Univesity of Colorado; MA. in business education, Arizona State; educational specialist in vocational education, Auburn University; semi-retired rancher; retired high school and college teacher; Juneau, Alaska, chair of energy advisory committee, 13 years; served in House since 1999; wife's name is Linda, they have a daughter, April.

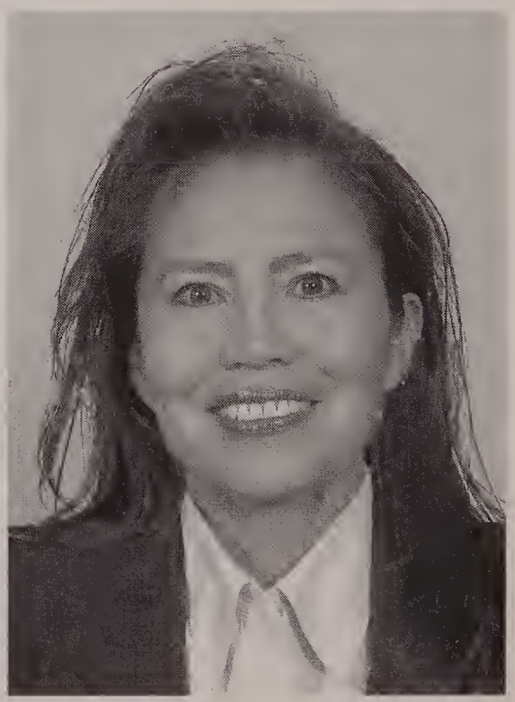


Verdell Jackson

Hal Jacobson

Hal Jacobson - Helena, District 82, Democrat. Born Nov. 19, 1950 in Helena; Helena High graduate; attended Montana State University-Bozeman; B.A. political science Carroll College; small business owner; Kessler School Board trustee, 1991-94; Lewis & Clark United Way board member, past president and past co-chair; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Mary.

Joey Jayne - Arlee, District 15, Democrat. Born Sept. 4, 1957 in Shiprock, New Mexico, and came to Montana in 1987; B.S. agricultural industry and M.S. watershed management-hydrology, University of Arizona; J.D., University of Montana; attorney; served in House since 2001; fiance's name is Harley Tanner.



Joey Jayne

Larry Jent

Larry Jent - Bozeman, District 64, Democrat. Born Dec. 20, 1951 in Nashville, Tenn., and came to Montana in 1978; Hillwood High School, Nashville, graduate; B.S., U.S. Military Academy-West Point; J.D., University of Colorado Law School; lawyer; bow hunter education instructor; athlete's rep, U.S. Biathalon Team; Democratic National Convention delegate, 1996 and 2000; Montana Democratic Party executive board, 1997-present; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 2001; single.

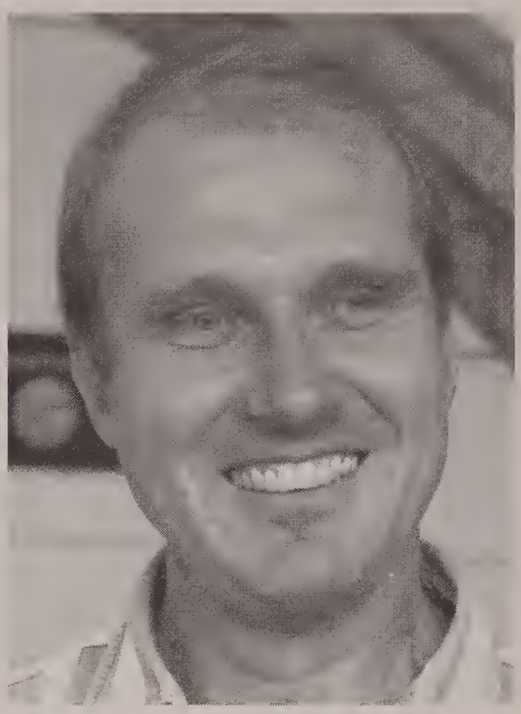
Bill Jones - Bigfork, District 9, Republican. Born Oct. 17, 1939 in Cut Bank; Cut Bank High graduate; D.D.S., University of Washington School of Dentistry; dentist; has served on Cut Bank school board and has been involved in youth activities; served in Army in Korea at Mudigan Army Hospital; served in House 2005; wife's name is Patricia; they have five children, James, Daniel, David, Karli Sue and Doni.

Bill Jones

Llew Jones

Llew Jones - Conrad, District 27, Republican. Born Dec. 2, 1962 in Helena; Conrad High graduate; B.S. ag business and M.S. applied economics, Montana State University-Bozeman; farmer/rancher/small business owner; Conrad Chamber of Commerce past president; Pondera Coalition for Progress president; Golden Triangle Pachyderm Club president; Conrad wrestling past president; Conrad city councilman, two terms; served in House 2005, wife's name is Carole, they have four children, Eddie, Daniel, Aaron and Dania.

Mike Jopek - Whitefish, District 4, Democrat. Born June 6, 1964 in Finland, moved to Whitefish in 1988; graduate of Masacoma High in Canaan, New Hampshire and studied engineering at the University of New Hampshire; farmer and owner-operator of a market garden with his partner Pam; Whitefish Housing Authority chairman; Whitefish City-County Planning Board chairman; served in House 2005; partner's name is Pam Gerwe, they have a foster son Jason.



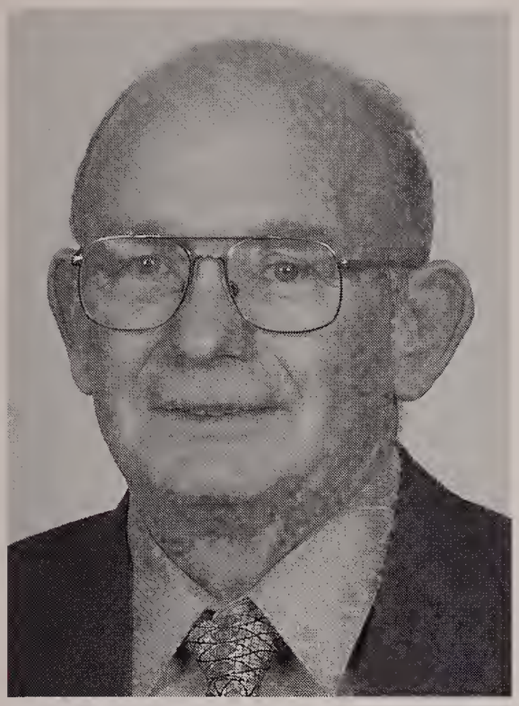
Mike Jopek

Carol Juneau

Carol Juneau - Browning, District 16, Democrat. Born May 5, 1945 in Elbowoods, ND, and came to Montana in 1969; Santa Clara (CA) High School graduate; Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas; B.A., psychology-sociology, Eastern Montana College; M.E., school administration, University of Montana; education consultant; Mandan/Hidatsua Tribal member; Montana Indian Education Assn. chair; Montana Democratic Party vice chair; served in House since 1999; minority caucus leader, 2003-04; husband's name is Stan, they have three children, Denise, Ron and Ev, and two grandchildren.

Christine Kaufmann - Helena, District 81, Democrat. Born Dec. 25, 1951 in Princeton, Ill. and came to Montana in 1984; Tiskilwa, Ill., High School graduate; B.A. in biology, Goshen College, Indiana; M.A. in environmental studies, University of Montana; Montana Human Rights Network co-director; board member of numerous non-profit social change, civil rights and environmental protection organizations; served in House since 2001; partner's name is Pat Kemp, they have 32 nieces and nephews.

Christine Kaufmann



Jim Keane

Jim Keane - Butte, District 75, Democrat. Born Dec. 23, 1941 in Butte; Butte Central High School graduate; attended University of Hawaii, Montana Tech, Western Montana College and University of Wyoming; business manager for operating engineers union; certified vocational instructor in Montana; Canyon Ferry Recreation Assn. president; Our Lady of the Rockies board member; Operating Engineers Union past president; Montana AFL/CIO former vice president; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Dolores and they have three children, Alisa, Kiely and Kevin.

Harry Klock - Harlowton, District 83, Republican. Born March 29, 1948 in Lewistown; Harlowton High graduate; B.S. education, Montana State University-Bozeman; rancher and bar owner; Harlowton School Board, two years; Chamber of Commerce; Montana Tavern Association past president; American Beverage Licencees board of directors and past vice president; Montana Stockgrowers Assn.; Harlowton and Wheatland County Fire Dept. 26 years, five years as fire chief; served in House 2005; wife's name is Sharyn, they have two children, Kyle and Danika.

Harry Klock

Roger Koopman

Roger Koopman - Bozeman, District 70, Republican. Born April 13, 1949 in Mineola, New York, moved to Montana in 1977; Roosevelt High graduate; bachelor of general studies, University of Idaho; Career Concepts Employment Services owner; former press secretary/admin asst. to U.S. Congressmen Ron Paul & Steve Symms; nationally published political writer, columnist for Bozeman Daily Chronicle; Montana Hunter Safety instructor, 10 years; NFIB Leadership Council; Montana Theatre Works community theater performer,volunteer; former National Rifle Assn. writer, field rep; served in House 2005; wife's name is Ann, they have four children, Bonnie, Caroline, Maryann and David, and one grand child.

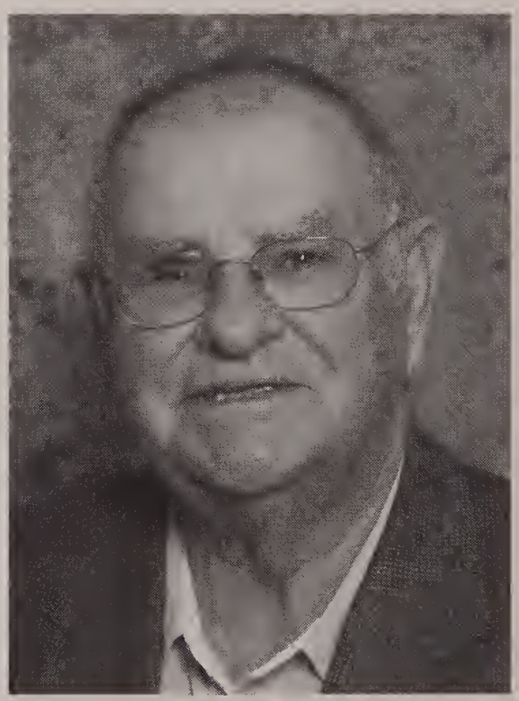
Bob Lake -Hamilton, District 88, Republican. Born March 18, 1938 in Ronan, Ronan High graduate; semi-retired in commercial real estate; retired from commercial feed business in 2000; Montana Chamber of Commerce past chair; Montana Feed Assn. past president; delegate to White House Conference on Small Business; Montana Lottery Commission; Hamilton Lions; Board of Montana Council of Economic Education; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Faithe, they have a daughter Coleen, a son Ward and two granddaughters.

Bob Lake

Carol Lambert

Carol Lambert - Broadus, District 39, Republican. Born Aug. 4, 1941 in Powder River County; Broadus High graduate; rancher; Montana Federation of Republican Women past president; Carter County Republican Central Committee chair; Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) state president; Montana Public Employees Retirement System board member; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Norman, they have three sons, Norm, Bill and Marc, and six grandchildren

Ralph Lenhart - Glendive, District 38, Democrat. Born Oct. 18, 1930 in Wisconsin and came to Montana in 1960; Oakes, ND, High School graduate; B.S., Ellendale, ND, Teachers College; M.A., University of North Dakota; graduate work, University of Wyoming, University of Washington, University of Oregon; retired college math teacher; Glendive Elementary board, six years; Zion Lutheran Church past president; Dawson Community College Foundation director; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 1999; wife's name is Shirley, they have a son and a daughter.

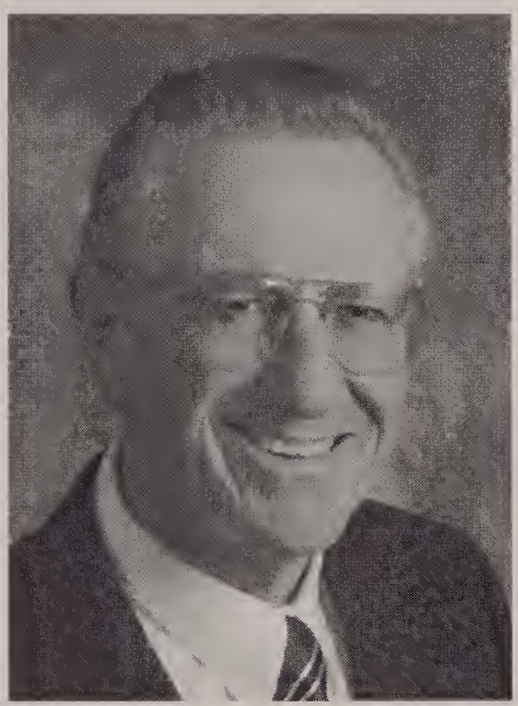


Ralph Lenhart

Monica Lindeen

Monica Lindeen - Huntley, District 43, Democrat. Born May 16, 1962 in Ogden, Utah, and came to Montana in 1973; Shepherd High graduate; B.S., English-history, graduate studies, MSU-Billings; business entrepreneur; Montana Democratic Party past vice chair; MSU-Billings Foundation board; Downtown Billings Exchange Club; Huntley Water District director; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Pompeys Pillar Historical Assn; NCSL Communications, Technology & Interstate Commerce Committee; served in House since 1999, minority whip, 2003-04; husband's name is David, she has a daughter and two stepsons and two grandchildren.

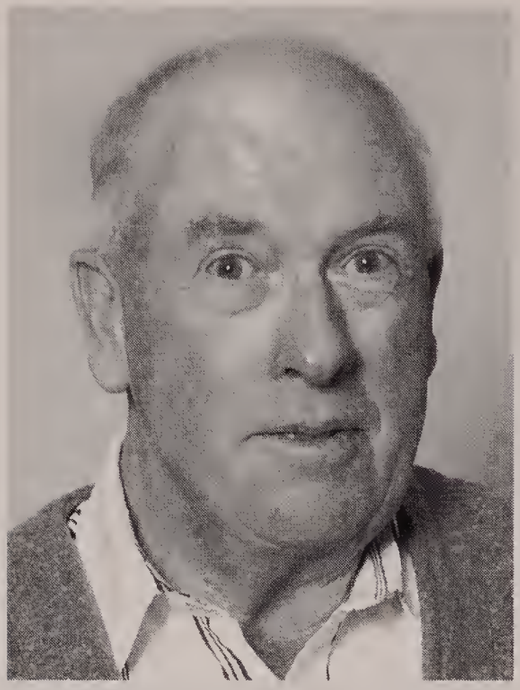
Gary MacLaren- Victor, District 89, Republican. Born March 28, 1942 in Santa Ana, California; moved to Montana in 1995; graduated from high school in California; B. S. chemistry, University of California Berkeley; retired; El Cerrito, California, City Council 1972-80, mayor, 1975-76, 1979-80; County Criminal Justice Agency; served in U.S. Navy, 1964-67; served in House 2005; wife's name is Kay, they have four children: Steve, Teri, Scott and Todd, and three grandchildren.



Gary MacLaren

Rick Maejde

Rick Maejde - Fortine, District 2, Republican. Born Dec. 9, 1962 in Elmhurst, Ill. and came to Montana in 1990; Stony Brook High, Stony Brook, New York, graduate; University of Montana, political science; self-employed contractor; has worked as a radio news editor and anchor, hunting guide, newspaper column writer, political strategist; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Katina.

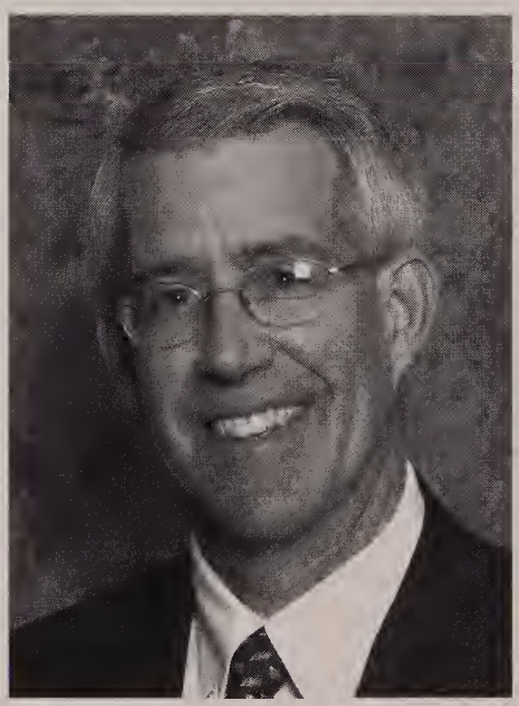


Bruce Malcolm

Bruce Malcolm - Emigrant, District 61, Republican. Born Dec. 16, 1936 in Park County; Park County High graduate, B.S. in Ag Economics from Montana State University; rancher-outfitter; Wolf Advisory Council; Conservation District supervisor for 30 years; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Connie, they have two children, Chad and Sandra.

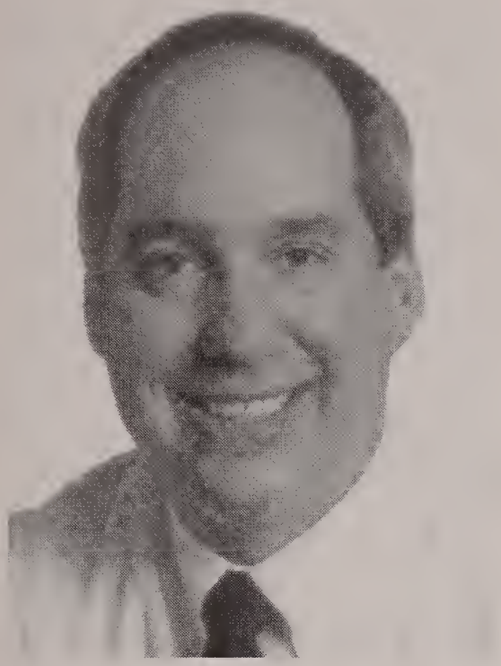
Dave McAlpin - Missoula, District 94, Democrat. Born May 18, 1965 in Polson; Polson High graduate, attended Carlton College and the University of Montana; advocate; director, Protect Montana Kids. org anti-tobacco; Montana Supreme Court deputy clerk; Sen. Max Baucus field director; Congressman Pat Williams congressional staff; served in House 2005; wife's name is Beth O'Halloran, they have two children, Greta and Ian.

Dave McAlpin



Tom McGillvray

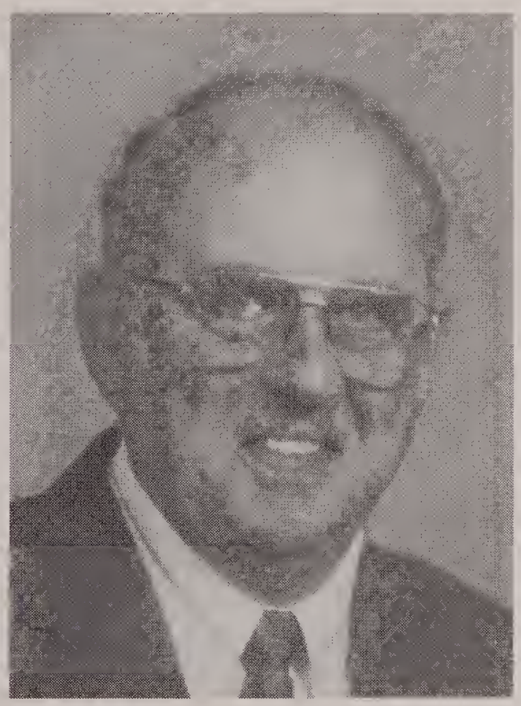
Tom McGillvray - Billings, District 50, Republican. Born May 22, 1957 in Helena; Powell County High graduate; B.S. agriculture, Montana State University; Certified Financial Planner (CFP); financial adviser; member, Faith Chapel; board member, Billings Walk to Emmaus, 1997-2004; Midland Empire Pachyderm member; served in House 2005; wife's name is Margaret; children are Erin, Bryan and Connor, they have one grandchild.



Joe McKenney

Joe McKenney - Great Falls, District 18, Republican. Born April 18, 1958 in Boston and came to Montana in 1974; Billings West High graduate; attended University of Montana; owner of Legends Sports Pub & Grill and vice president of marketing for Northern Vending; Great Falls Pachyderm Club past president; Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, Great Falls Rotary Club; Cascade County Tavern Assn.; U.S. Navy veteran; served in the House since 1999; wife's name is Dawn; he has three children, Nick, Cheryl and Katie, and two grandchildren.

Walter McNutt - Sidney, District 37, Republican. Born November 8, 1940 in Worland, Wyoming, and came to Montana in 1957; Great Falls High graduate, B.S. Marketing & Economics, University of Great Falls; ag implement dealer; Richland Development Corp past president; Richland Airport Authority board; Richland Solid Waste District board; Montana Essential Air Service Task Force; First Bank of Sidney Director; Chamber of Commerce; Montana Air National Guard; served in Senate 1997 to 2004, president pro tempore, 2001-04; in House 2005; wife's name is Karen, they have two daughters.

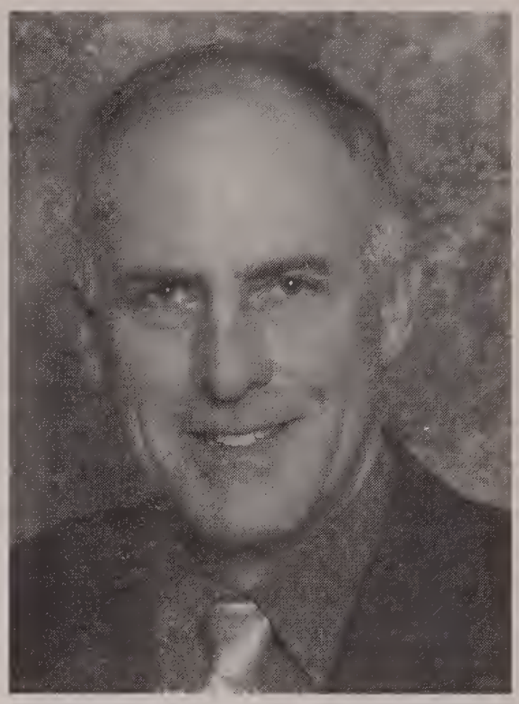


Walt McNutt

Scott Mendenhall

Scott Mendenhall - Clancy, District 77, Republican. Born Nov. 9, 1962 in Riverton, Wyoming, and came to Montana in 1989; B.S. and M.S in Ag Economics, University of Wyoming; MSU Extension Economic Development Agent-business owner, rancher; active in local church; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Audrey; they have four children: Melissa, Blake, Simonie and Chloe.

Mike Milburn -Cascade, District 19, Republican. Born Sept. 28, 1952 in Belleville, Illinois and came to Montana in 1953; Fergus High graduate; B.S. earth science (geology), Montana State University; farmer/rancher, Mercy Flight air ambulance pilot and retired military; former Cascade Board of Trustees; United States Air Force and Montana Air National Guard; served in House 2005; wife's name is Carleen, they have three children, Amy Kendra and Will, and one grandchild.



Mike Milburn

Penny Morgan

Penny Morgan - Billings, District 57, Republican. Born May 11, 1960 in Big Timber; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; training in business management, employee relations, people management, advertising and promotion; business owner; nursing home volunteer; Soroptimists, school volunteer, Billings Chamber of Commerce; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Gregg, she has three daughters, Kaycee, Sarah and Katie.

John Musgrove - Havre, District 34, Democrat. Born July 23, 1941 in White Sulpher Springs; White Sulphur Springs High School graduate; bachelors, Western Montana College; graduate work, Northern Montana College, University of Hawaii, University of Oregon and Banff School of Fine Arts; retired teacher; White Sulphur Springs City Councilman, 1968-70; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House since 2001; he and his wife, Suzanne, have a daughter, Kelley.

John Musgrove

Mark E. Noennig

Mark E. Noennig - Billings, District 46, Republican. Born Nov. 19, 1947 in Minneapolis and came to Montana in 1948; Billings Senior graduate; B.S. aerospace and mechanical engineering, Montana State University; J.D., University of Montana; attorney; Yellowstone County, Montana, American Bar Assn., Yellowstone County Settlement Masters Panel, arbitrator-mediator, American Arbitration Assn.; served in House since 1999; partner's name is Sharon Grubbs, he has two "stepdaughters", a "stepson" and four "step grand children."

Art Noonan - Butte, District 73, Democrat. Born Nov. 24, 1951 in Butte; Butte Central graduate; director of AWARE Foundation; member, Supreme Court Commission on Practices; chairman, Silver Bow Planning Board; assistant chief clerk of the House, 1977; staff of Congressman Pat Williams on the U.S. House Interior Committee; served in House 2005.

Art Noonan

Alan Olson

Alan Olson - Roundup, District 45, Republican. Born June 24, 1956 in Havre; Havre High graduate; attended Halliburton Energy Institute; oil and gas regulatory; Roundup School board trustee, 1990-2000; Montana School Boards Assn. past president; Montana High School Assn. Board of Control; Montana Unified School Trust board of trustees; Snowy Mountain Economic Development Corporation Board; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Jean, children are Matthew, Erika and Kristen.

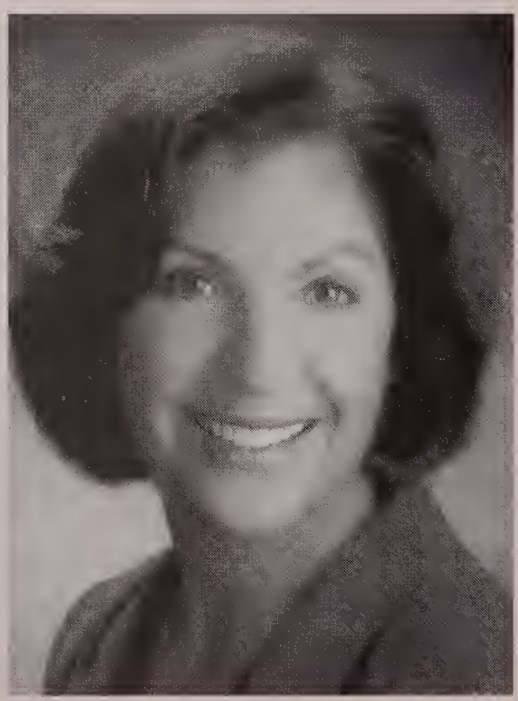
Bernie Olson - Kalispell, District 10, Republican. Born Sept, 16, 1946 in Butte; Flathead High graduate; B.A. history/political science and secondary education, University of Montana; also attended Montana State University and University of Hawaii-Hilo; retired teacher and small business owner; Kalispell Education Association president four years; U.S. Army Reserves, six years; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Marilyn, they have two children, Aaron and Adam, and four grandchildren.

Bernie Olson

Jim Peterson

Jim Peterson - Buffalo, District 30, Republican. Born July 19, 1946 in Havre; Judith Gap High graduate; B.S., animal science, Montana State University; masters in agriculture, Texas A&M; MBA, finance, West Texas State; ranching, farming, retail, Interim Associate Dean of MSU College of Agriculture (part-time); U.S. Meat Export Federation executive committee; United Methodist Church of Judith Gap; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Lorraine, they have two children: Jennifer and Robert.

Holly Raser - Missoula, District 98, Democrat. Born May 25, 1952 in Long Beach, Calif., and came to Montana in 1975; Mira Costa High, Calif., graduate; B.A, M.A. in education, University of Montana; elementary teacher; Montana Special Education Advisory Panel member; Missoula Developmental Services Corporation board; State Action for Educational Leadership Project legislative rep; Target Range Teachers Assn. past president; MEA-MFT member; served in House since 2001; daughters are Caitlin and Alyssa.

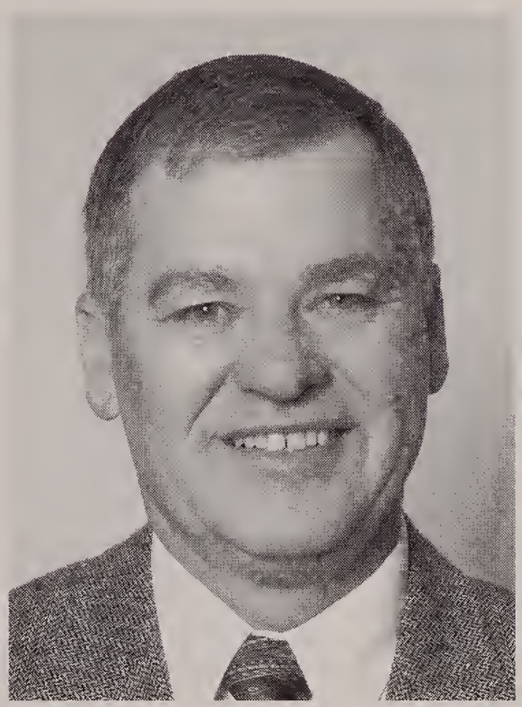


Holly Raser

Diane Rice

Diane Rice - Harrison, District 71, Republican. Born Dec. 24, 1948 in Denver and came to Montana in 1974; Cherry Creek High School, Colo., graduate; B.A., University of Colorado; rancher-caterer; Madison County Republican Central Committee secretary; Montana Stockgrowers Assn. member; Madison County chair for Burns, Rehberg and Martz-Ohs campaigns; served in House since 2001; husband's name is Barry Rice, children are Dana Rowe, Dustin Rowe, Dan Rice and Sam Rice.

Rick Ripley - Wolf Creek, District 17, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1951 in Whitefish; Augusta High School graduate; B.S., MSU-Billings; masters, MSU-Northern; administrative endorsement, MSU-Bozeman; rancher, retired educator; North Central administrators past president; Northwestern Energy advisory council; First Bank board of directors; served in the House since 2001; wife's name is April, they have two daughters, Kelsey and Julie.



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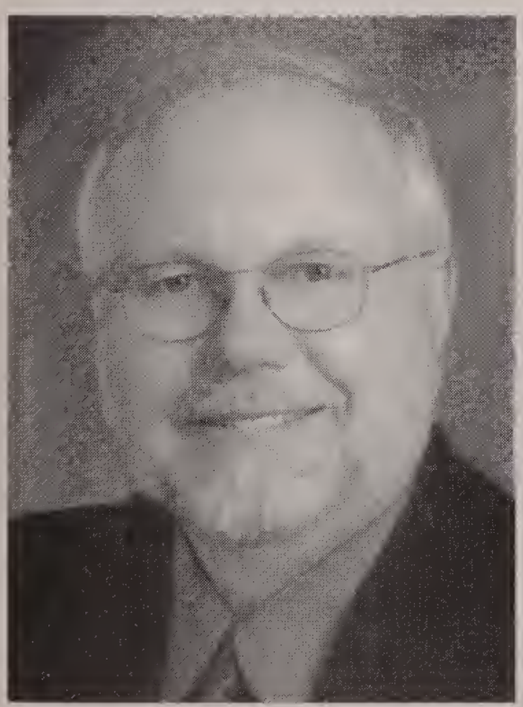
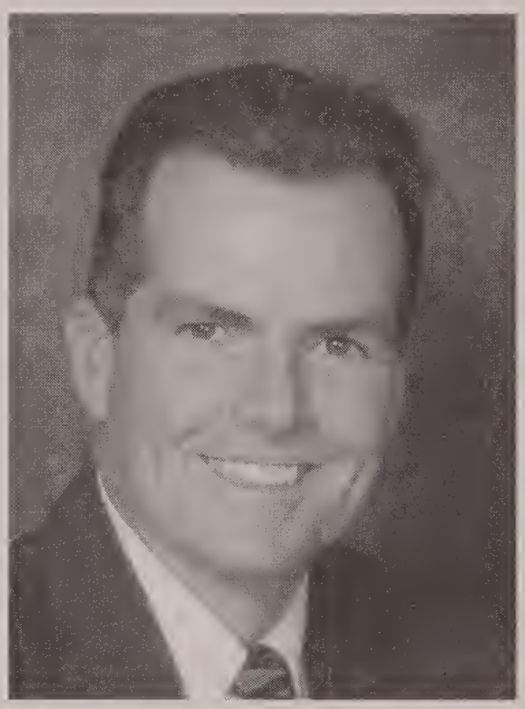


Don Roberts

Don Roberts - Billings, District 56, Republican. Born July 18, 1948 in Great Falls; Billings West High graduate; Washington University, St. Louis, DMD; University of Iowa-residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery; oral and maxillofacial surgeon; Yellowstone Art Center board member; Rotary International; Boy Scouts; served in U.S. Navy; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Carol, they have three daughters: Sara, Michelle and Melissa.

Jack Ross - Absarokee, District 60, Republican. Born Aug. 15, 1935 in Absarokee; Absarokee High graduate; B.A. mathematics from Texas A&M University; retired; Absarokee Community Foundation board of directors; U.S. Air Force, 1954-57; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Pat, they have three daughters: Natalie, Stephanie, Hilary.

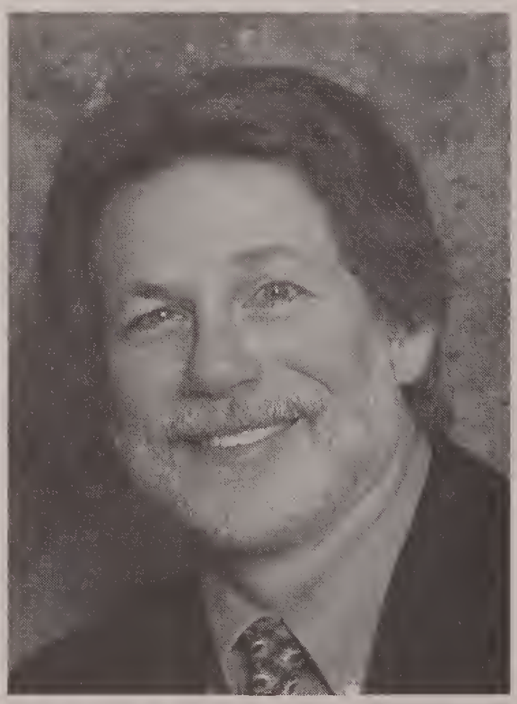
Jack Ross



Scott Sales

Scott Sales - Bozeman, District 68, Republican. Born July 26, 1960 in Douglas, Wyoming, came to Montana in 1992; Borah High, Bosie, graduate; B.B.A. in industrial business, Boise State; private investor; National Rifle Assn.; CATO Institute; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Sandie, they have three children: Emma, Colten and Rachel.

Jon C. Sesso - Butte, District 76, Democrat. Born Nov. 15, 1953 in Racine, Wisconsin, and came to Montana in 1978; Wisconsin high school graduate; B. A. communications, M.A. communications & environmental studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Butte Silver Bow City-County Planning Director; Montana Assn. of Planners board; Montana Consensus Council; Montana Geographic Information Council board; Upper Clark Fork River Steering Committee; several local ad-hoc committees for land use and environmental cleanup projects; science fair and speech competition judge; served in House 2005; wife's name is Barbara Kornet.



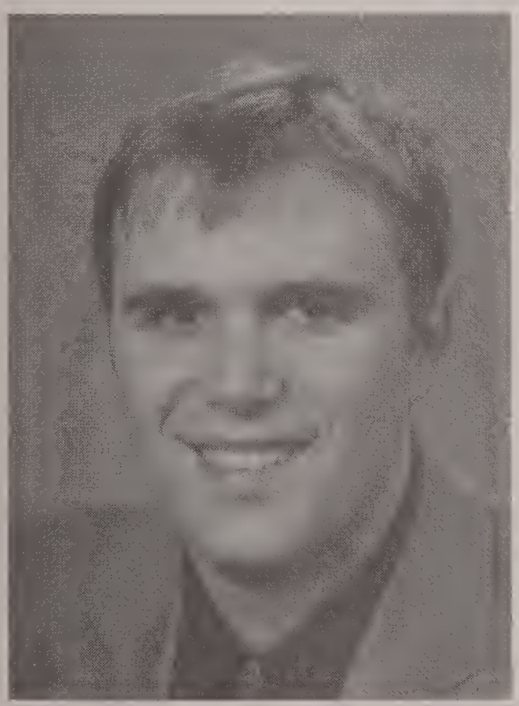
Jon C. Sesso

John Sinrud

John Sinrud - Bozeman, District 67, Republican. Born Aug. 30, 1967 in Edmonds, Washington, and came to Montana in 1969; Hamilton High graduate; B.S. in political science, Montana State University; president of JJKG & Associates architectural design firm; Belgrade City board of adjustments, seven years; Heritage Christian Schol board member since 2002; former College Republicans president; served in House since 2002; wife's name is Kimberly, they have two children, Joshua and Grace.

Veronica Small-Eastman - Lodge Grass, District 42, Democrat. Born Nov. 6, 1955 at Crow Agency; Lodge Grass High graduate; BWay.S. in business education and masters in school administration, Montana State University; high school business teacher and school-to-work coordinator; Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church former parish council president; Lodge Grass School-Community Committee; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Sid Eastman, they have four children, Cecile, Dennis, George and Sydney Jean.

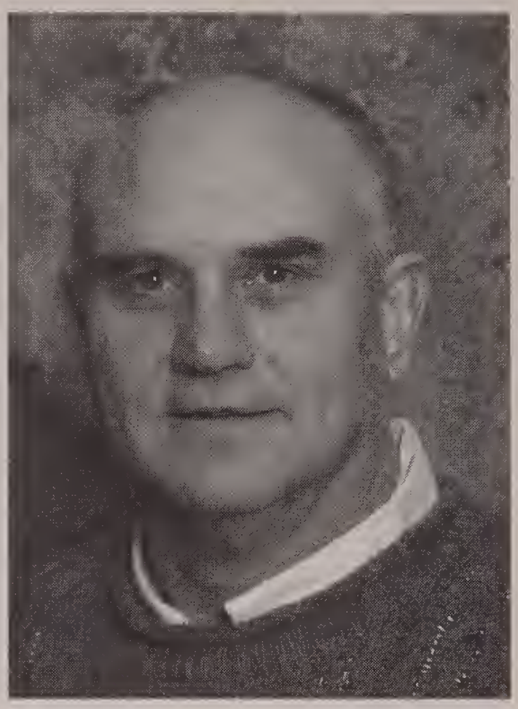
Veronica Small-Eastman



Jon Sonju

Jon Sonju- Kalispell, District 7, Republican. Born Dec. 26, 1975 in Kalispell; Flathead High graduate; B.S. sociology, minor in political science from MSU-Billings; Sonju Industries director of operations and sales; Boys and Girls Club board member; Kalispell Noon Rotary; Leadership Flathead alumni; served in House 2005; wife's name is Tania.

Wayne Stahl - Saco, District 35, Republican. Born Nov. 22, 1952 in Glasgow; Saco High graduate; attended USMA and Montana State University; contractor; Saco Town Council; Saco Mayor; Phillips County Commissioner; USMA West Point; served in House 2005; wife's name is Jo, they have two children, Joshua Stahl and Jennifer Jo Kovarik, and two grandchildren, Dyllan and Cheyenne.



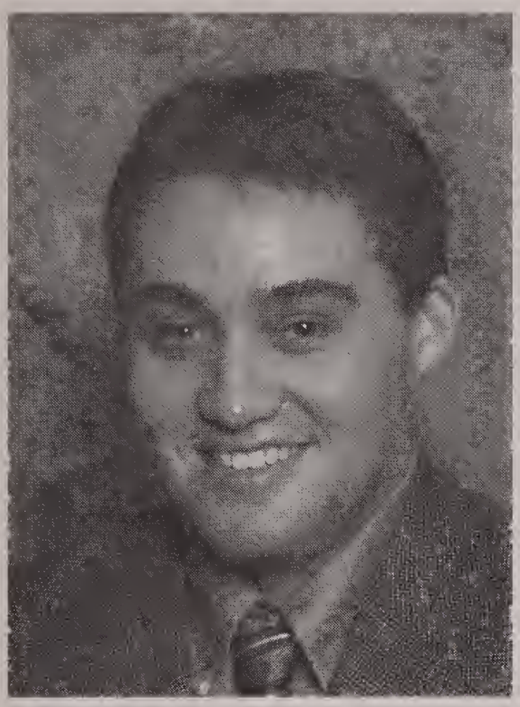
Wayne Stahl

Ron Stoker

Ron Stoker - Darby, District 87, Republican. Born March 29, 1936 in Colorado, came to Montana in 1994; Charles E. Gorton, Yonkers, New York, graduate; B.S., M.S., College of Agriculture, Rutgers University; real estate broker and retired veterinary pharmaceutical sales rep; Hamilton Rural Fire District trustee; Ravalli County Republican Central Committee finance chair; Navy Reserve; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Jean, they have three children: Randall, Pamela and Mark.

Janna Taylor - Polson, District 11, Republican. Born Sept. 9, 1948 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and moved to Montana in 1983; Washburn High graduate; B.S. in education, University of Minnesota; agri-business; church officer; Polson Soroptimists; hospital volunteer; served in House 2005; husband's name is Mike, they have two children, Christopher and Zachary, and one grandchild.

Janna Taylor



Dan Villa

Dan Villa - Anaconda, District 86, Democrat. Born Feb. 14, 1983 in Anaconda; Anaconda High graduate; Montana Tech student in business administration; Anaconda Public Schools Board of Trustees; Advisory Council to Board of Public Education; Montana School Board Assn. Board of Directors; Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Planning Board chair; Anaconda Local Development Corporation Board of Directors; served in House 2005; single.

Pat Wagman - Livingston, District 62, Republican. Born Dec. 3, 1956 in Rapid City, South Dakota; first moved to Montana in 1958; attended Park High in Livingston and graduated from Crescent Valley High, Corvallis, Oregon; attended Montana State University two years; firefighter and emergency medical technician; Livingston School Board trustee, nine years; Montana Air National Guard; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Marla, they have three sons, Ryan, Matt and Ben, and one granddaughter.

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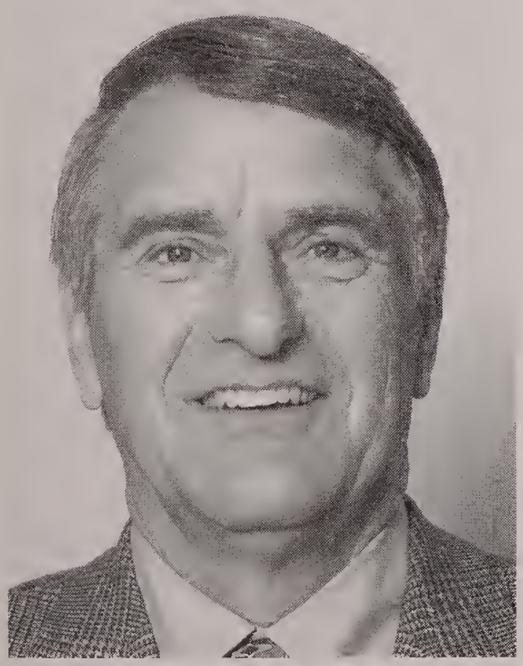

Karl Waitschies

Karl Waitschies - Peerless, District 36, Republican. Born Feb. 12, 1943 in Germany and came to Montana in 1950; Glasgow High School graduate; B.S., Wheaton College, Illinois; farming; Peerless School Board trustee and chairman; PRO Coop board of directors and chairman; U.S. Army Vietnam veteran; served in the House since 2001; wife's name is Donna, they have four grown daughters, Cheryl, Karleen, Kristine and Janine.

John Ward - Helena, District 84, Republican. Born June 4, 1945 in Helena; Helena Cathedral High graduate; B.B.A. in marketing, Gonzaga University; owner, Litt'l John's Septic Service; elected to Lewis and Clark County Local Government Study Commission, 1994; candidate in county commission race; U.S. Navy, Navy Reserve, 24 years; served in House 2005; wife's name is Kathy; they have four children: Erin, Sean, Ken and Molly, and five grandchildren.

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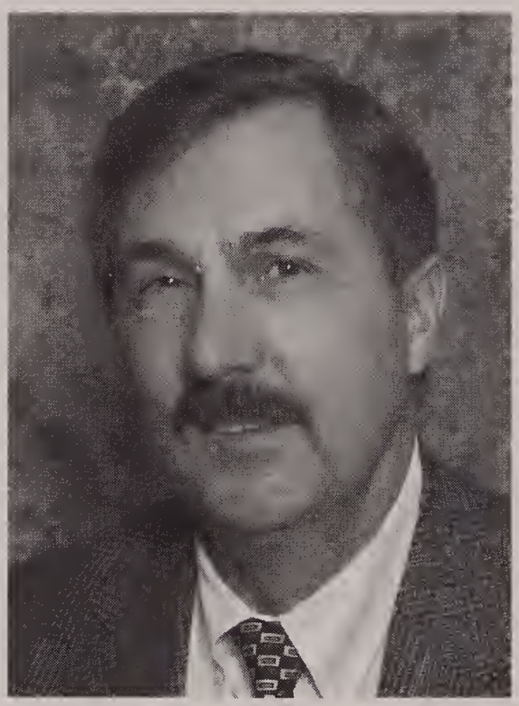
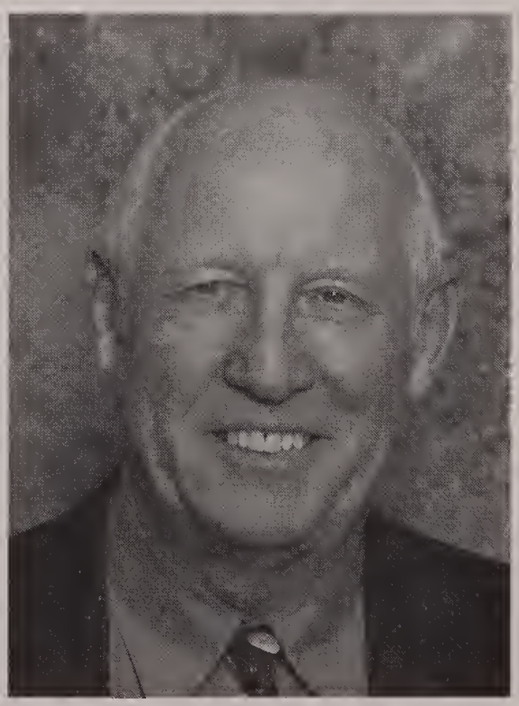


Bill Warden

Bill Warden - Bozeman, District 63, Republican. Born July 29, 1948 in Billings; Park County High graduate; B.A. English, Montana State University; owner, Sound Pro; member of St. James Episcopal Church; member, American Legion; member, Lodge #6 AF&AM; founder/member of MSU 6th Man Club; Bozeman Baseball Board of Directors and coach for more than ten years; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 2005; wife's name is Kathy and they have one child, Billy, and one grandchild.

Jack Wells - Bozeman, District 69, Republican. Born Sept. 13, 1937 in Neihart; Great Falls High graduate; A.B. and MSEE, Dartmouth; retired; served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force; served in House 1995-98, in Senate 1999-2002 and in House 2005; wife's name is Mary Gay, they have eight children and nineteen grandchildren.



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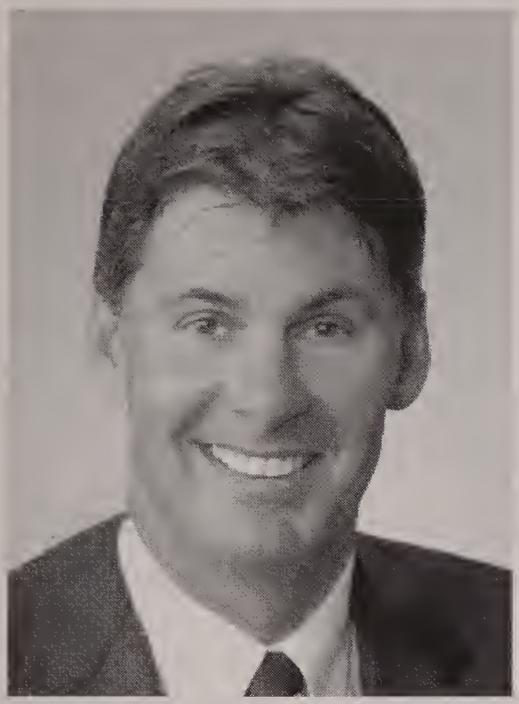

Bill Wilson

Bill Wilson - Great Falls, District 22, Democrat. Born March 28, 1961 in Great Falls; C.M. Russell graduate; attended University of Montana and College of Great Falls; BNSF locomotive engineer; United Transportation Union past president; Cascade County Humane Society board member; Great Falls Commission on International Relations; served in Senate 1993-2000, in House since 2003, single.

Jeanne Windham - Polson, District 12, Democrat. Born Jan. 10, 1955 in Long Beach, California and came to Montana in 1991; Reseda, Calif., High School graduate; B.A. psychology, University of Montana, M.A., California School of Professional Psychology; mediator; Domestic Violence Emergency Services president; Lake County Professional Women's Club; Finley Point Property Owners Association founder and past president; Families and Schools Together (FAST) team facilitator/mental health partner; St. Ignatius Christian Church; husband's name is Will, they have a son Mark and a grandchild Noland.

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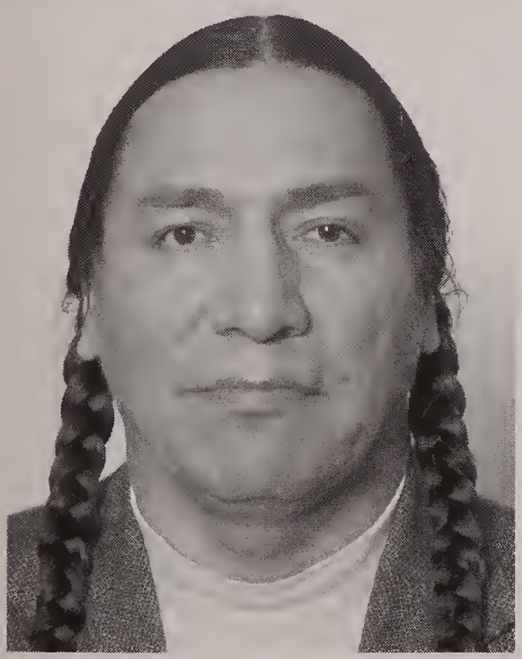
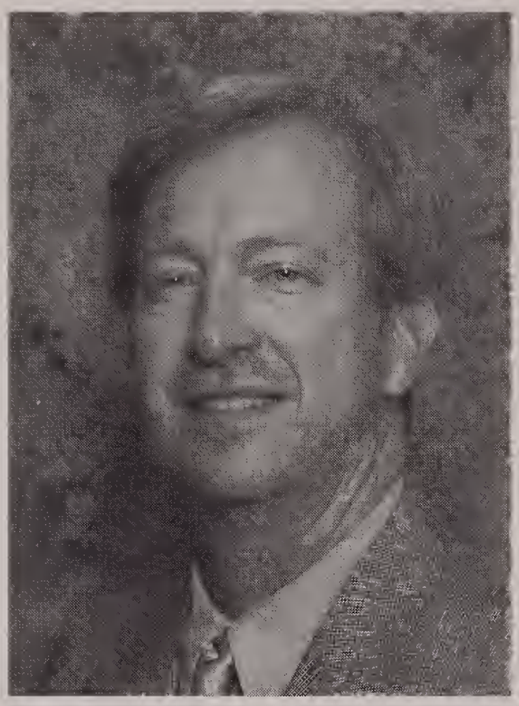


Jonathan Windy Boy

Jonathan Windy Boy - Rocky Boy, District 32, Democrat. Born Aug. 28, 1958 in Fort Belknap; Box Elder High graduate; degree in telecommunications from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; Chippewa-Cree Tribal Councilman, serving second four-year term; served in House since 2003; he has a companion Sarah, a daughter Jennifer, a son Philip and two granddaughters.



Brady Wiseman

Brady Wiseman - Bozeman, District 65, Democrat. Born April 23, 1957 in Amarillo, Texas; graduated from Stuttgart American High School in Germany; B.A., B.S., University of Montana; software consultant to numerous Wall Street banks, co-founder of a Bozeman software company; invented products and sold them on three continents; currently an engineering manager at Right Now Technologies; co-founder of Montanans Against Toxic Burning; served on advisory board of KGLT-FM at Montana State; served in House 2005; wife's name is Cynthia Andrus.

John E. Witt - Carter, District 28, Republican. Born June 4, 1942 in Conrad; Augusta High School graduate; farmer-rancher; Chouteau County Commissioner, 12 years; Montana Assn. of Counties past president; National Assn. of Counties board of directors, Ag & Rural Affairs Steering Committee chair, Fund for Rural America advisory committee; former Chouteau County Fair Board, Weed Board, and ASCS Committee chair; served in House since 1999; wife's name is Joanne, they have three children, Steven, Jonna and Todd, and six grandchildren.

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